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## REDS LIFT SIEGE OF MUKDEN

Reinforcements Rushed Into Manchuria

**Coal Meter Hits 7-Year High**

London, Dec. 24. Coal output, the barometer of Britain's rising production, last week hit a new seven-year high and surpassed the weekly average for 1948, the Fuel Ministry announced today.

British miners, who the recent Harminan report said, could "change the face of Europe," produced 4,000,000 tons in the week ending December 20.

That topped by 44,000 tons the output of the previous week which also was a record breaker.

It left Britain only 6,185,000 tons shy of its 1948 goal of 200,000,000 tons and the nationalised coal industry is certain the Labour Government's target would be surpassed.—United Press.

**Dwellers Need Legal Standing KOWLOON WALLED CITY**

Unless residents within the old walled Kowloon City have a legal standing they cannot expect the Chinese Government to intervene on their behalf, said a statement released from the office of the Special Commissioner (Foreign Affairs) for Kwangtung-Kwangsi, yesterday.

The statement added that the Kwangtung Provincial Government is investigating the legal status of the residents within Kowloon City and that the Commissioner's office is paying attention to the welfare of overseas Chinese in Hong Kong and will protect their legal rights.

A basic solution of the Kowloon City question, the statement continued, will be satisfactorily achieved in due course by the Chinese Government.

Meanwhile, the Commissioner's Office is dealing with the question according to the Chinese Government's instructions.

## HONG KONG WENT TO TOWN LAST NIGHT

Hong Kong set itself out to have a swell time last night and, judging by the gaiety which prevailed in all the hotels and restaurants, it succeeded.

The United Services Recreation Club started the ball rolling with its children's party which was a "howling" success.

The special Xmas Eve dances at the Hong Kong, Repulse Bay, Kowloon, and Star Hotels attracted capacity crowds who danced until the wee hours of this morning.

Earlier in the evening, last-minute shoppers who have "just remembered" a relative or dear friend for whom no provision had been made in the "must" presents list, jammed the stores.

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## Looting Breaks Out In Starving City

Shanghai, Dec. 24.

The Communist threat to Mukden was "virtually removed" following a decisive victory over infiltrating Red troops, a high government military leader told the Chinese press today.

General Lo Cho-ying, Deputy Director of the Nationalist field headquarters at Mukden, said the infiltrating forces were "badly defeated and large reinforcements are being rushed to the Manchurian capital from North China."

Gen. Lo said that large Nationalist forces are being rushed to Manchuria from North China and Gen. Fu Tso-yi's Suiyuan Chahar troops will take over the garrison.

Neutral observers pointed out, however, that any troop movement from North China to Manchuria will necessarily be delayed owing to the Communist disruption of communications.

Meanwhile, frontline dispatches reported a lull on most of the fronts in the Mukden area but fighting was reported in Hamilitun, eight miles west of Mukden near the Jehol border. The dispatches said that the Communists after brisk fighting retreated westward.

A Chinese report from Mukden indicated that several cases of looting broke out inside the city when the starving populace robbed a rice shop and two Korean families on Tuesday.

Two ring leaders were caught immediately and executed. The report said that otherwise the city is quiet and calm but prices continued to soar.

**Central China**  
In Central China Liu Peichen's Communist troops split into several smaller units since they broke through near the Tapheshan base—are again actively raiding Hopeh cities.

Chinese reports said that Liu is apparently trying to re-enter the Tapheshan area and re-establish the base in accordance with the Communist overall plan to establish bases in Western Hopeh and Tapheshan.

The Central China Command troops under Gen. Pui Chung had were reported to be advancing northward along the Peiping-Hankow railway in an effort to clean up Red units and restore traffic.

Nationalist sources this morning admitted for the first time that the Communists occupied Weihsuiwei on the northern coast of Kinohow peninsula in North Shantung, but claimed that the government troops recaptured the city after a brief Communist occupation.

Earlier reports said that the government troops were forced

## Cease Fire Details In Java

Batavia, Dec. 23. The United Nations good offices committee announced today details of its plan for a demilitarised zone to give effect to the ceasefire order in the Indonesian Republic's conflict with the Dutch.

Under the plan, accepted by the Dutch and Indonesians, each side will propose the demilitarised zone it thinks should be set up.

"In the event the parties do not agree," the plan said, "representatives of the committee will propose the limitations of the demilitarised zones, which the parties will be asked to accept."

The committee also proposes that upon acceptance of the zones by both sides there shall be an immediate resumption of normal trade.

Upon acceptance of the zone limits, all forces in the demilitarised zones and those in territory occupied by the opposite side would "move peacefully to the territory on the party's own side with arms and warlike equipment."—Associated Press.

### XMAS HOLIDAYS

There will be no issue of the "China Mail" until Monday. The "Sunday Herald" will appear as usual on Dec. 28.

We take this opportunity of wishing all our readers a very Happy Christmas.

## Typhoon "Jean" Is Sweeping West Across The Pacific

Typhoon "Jean" is expected to sweep westward across the Pacific from the Palau island to a point 75 miles east-south-east of Samar, Philippines, at 9 a.m. Thursday, Tokyo time, the 43rd weather wing announced today.

Alert warnings were posted to central Philippines, while the Palau was given the "all clear" as the storm moved west-north-west at a steady 14 m.p.h.

The maximum speed of the wind near the centre was 50 m.p.h. carrying it directly towards Manila.

Navy weathermen said that the time of its arrival may be delayed by slowing in the forward travel rate to eight knots.

The storm was located at 0900 GMT by a Navy weather plane 700 miles east-south-east of Manila at position 12 north, 123.6 east.

The plane reported 50 knots winds in the centre and 25 knots winds at 100 miles distance.

United Press to Associated Press.

## Position In Palestine Arab Troops Gather At Mufti's Call

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As British troops and Palestine Police guarded the pilgrimage to the scene of the Nativity today, rain was falling from sullen skies over Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

About 4,000 British garrison troops took their last look at the Holy Shrine before Britain's withdrawal from Palestine, but thousands of other troops and police were on the alert behind sandbags and barbed wire, watching the mountains and valleys.

The first airborne Nationalist reinforcements to reach Mukden since the Reds began their seventh offensive in Manchuria, arrived at an isolated city, as others poured overland into the northeast, travelling where possible by train. The reinforcements belong to the command of General Fu Tso-yi.

The Shanghai-Hankow Railway today made public a plan of bandits along the line to collect what they considered the "thief's year-end bonus" by relieving passengers on excursion trains of their valuables.

The railway said they discovered the plot in time. The robbers were to board trains as passengers to cover military police and railway guards and disarm them and search the passengers, then hand the loot to fellow conspirators at a designated spot on the line.—United Press and Associated Press.

This is a result of the failure of the Tramway Company to accede to their demands for the re-instatement of a motorman and several conductors who were dismissed recently.

The motorman was dismissed after being involved in a traffic accident in Des Voeux Road Central, near Lee Yuen Street. He was fined \$100 in the Police Court and had to pay his own fine.

Three conductors were dismissed because it was alleged that they had resold tickets; one was dismissed for having allegedly sold Service tickets to civilians and another was dismissed for negligence in recording tickets sold.

On dismissal, the men were not returned the deposit of \$100 which they had respectively paid the Company at the time of their taking up employment.

In an interview with the Press last night, Mr. Chu King-man, representative of the employees, said that a mass meeting of over 400 employees took place yesterday in regard to this matter, following which a long fruitless discussion took place with officials of the Tramway Company.

Mr. Chu explained that employees were very much incensed over the action of the Company in dismissing several of their fellow workers without producing witnesses to substantiate the alleged offences, although repeatedly requested to do so.

Mr. Chu said that in view of the bus strike, employees of the Tramway Company were most reluctant to go on strike and thus involving further inconvenience to the public.

However, it was felt that the attitude of the Company practically left them no other choice in the matter and a final decision would be made at 5 a.m. today.

Mr. Chu requested that the public will not think ill of Tramway employees should they go on strike.

## State Of Siege Lifted In Greece

Istanbul, Dec. 24. A state of siege, declared in Istanbul and five European provinces of Turkey seven years ago when Italy invaded Greece, was formally lifted yesterday.

The Constitution paper, Vatan, hailed the end of military law which limited the rights and liberties of citizens and newspapers as "proof" that the "dictatorships of our country" is slowly fading into history.—United Press.

## Lindbergh Arrives In Hong Kong

Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, who lifted his plane into the early morning mist of May 20, 1927, and headed east from New York to world-wide fame as the first person to make a solo transatlantic flight from the United States to Paris, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday morning by Pan-American Airways Clipper.

Colonel Lindbergh is making an inspection trip for PAA with which he is associated in an advisory capacity.

He plans to leave Hong Kong tomorrow morning for Shanghai and thence to Tokyo.

When he left Roosevelt Field, N.Y. in 1927, he was "Slim" Lindbergh, an obscure 25-year-old mail pilot; when he landed 33 hours and 29 minutes later at Le Bourget Field after a 2,600-mile non-stop flight over the great circle route via Newfoundland, Ireland and England, he was the



CHARLES A. LINDBERGH

"Lone Eagle," an international hero on whom many nations heaped honours.

From the time he started out with the simple statement, "Well, I'm off," until he landed there was no word from him direct, for his plane, "The Spirit of St. Louis," was not equipped with radio.

The world thirsted for reports indicating that he was still aloft and thrilled every time a plane believed to be his was sighted. A crowd of 25,000 was gathered to welcome him at his destination, but the gangling flier thought it necessary to introduce himself, announcing with bashful modesty: "I'm Charles Lindbergh."

He carried several letters of introduction because, as he explained to Ambassador Myron T. Herrick, "Nobody knows me here."

"Don't worry about that," was the diplomat's response, "Everybody in France will know you tomorrow."

Among the thousands cheering the arrival of Lindbergh in Paris 20 years ago was an obscure hotel apprentice—J. H. Ehrlich, now manager of the Peninsula Hotel.

Twenty years later at Kai Tak airport, Ehrlich met the famed flier again and proudly escorted

## Bao Dai Ends A 2-Year Exile In H.K.

Ex-Emperor of Annam Bao Dai ended his two-year exile in Hong Kong yesterday when he boarded a BOAC plane for London where he will finalise negotiations with the French Government for the complete unification and independence of the three Indo-China Kys—Tonkin, Annam and Cochinchina.

Bao Dai was accompanied by Prince Vinh Cant, his cousin, M. Dinh Xuan Quang, Judicial Adviser, and M. Hendy Thinh, aide-de-camp. Mr. Lyu Duc Trung, Bao Dai's accredited spokesman, originally scheduled to leave with the former Emperor, remained behind to attend to important official business in Hong Kong and China.

Among those who saw Bao Dai off yesterday morning were General Nguyen Van Xuan, President of the Provisional Government of Cochinchina, Dr. Tran Van Ly, President of the Provisional Government of Annam, Dr. Ngo Dinh Glem, former Premier of Annam, M. Jobez, local French Consul, Mr. Luu Duc Trung, and M. Cousseau, Liaison Officer representing M. Emile Bollaert, French High Commissioner for Indo-China.

Bao Dai's departure for London, where he will be in telephonic communication with M. Bidault, French Foreign Minister, through the French Embassy in London.

**Result**  
General Xuan, Dr. Ly and Dr. Glem, who arrived from Saigon last week for discussions with Bao Dai, are scheduled to return to Indo-China on Saturday.

One important result of General Xuan's talks with Bao Dai was the signing of an agreement whereby Bao Dai agreed (when unification and independence of the three Kys is finally achieved) to grant Cochinchina certain autonomous concessions.

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Meanwhile, in Indo-China, preparations will be in progress for Bao Dai's return to his native land.

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## H.K. LARRIKINS' HAVE LIKING FOR HUB-CAPS

The theft of hub-caps was so prevalent some time ago that it was made the subject of a special circular by both the Commissioner of Police and the Commanding Officer (Kowloon and New Territories), said Det. Sub-Inspector W.J. Wall to Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

DSI Wall was asking the Magistrate to "take a very serious view of the case" in which Ho Kan, Wan Chung-ping and Chun Lee-ting were convicted on various counts in respect of the theft of eight hub-caps on Nov. 26 and 30.

## THE CASE OF THE MEAL TAX

What was described as the first "Meal Tax Case" was heard at Central Magistracy before Mr. Thomas Tam yesterday, when Yue Ying, Li Ki and Cheung Yin, of 87-93 Lockhart Road, Ground Floor, appeared on charges of failing to render a bill stating the retail cost, charging a tax of 10 per cent on a meal costing about \$80.95, and aiding and abetting.

Convicted by Mr. Tam, who remarked that this would serve as a warning to all restaurateurs, defendants were fined each \$100.

Mr. Sainsbury, representing the Crown, asked the Magistrate to revoke defendant's license. Mr. Tam replied that this would be considered.

Mr. Sainsbury said that this was the first case since the introduction of the Meal Tax. Defendants had been warned before, in September this year.

First defendant appeared on the first charge, while the two others on the second.

## "NOT WANTED"

"We don't want people like you here," Mr. F. X. d'Almada told Cheung Han, 20, servant of the Yuet Wah Boarding House, 134 Connaught Road, Central, who appeared at Central yesterday for what was described as a "most serious offense."

Convicted on two counts, Cheung was sentenced to two months for impersonation and another two months for unlawful possession. He was also recommended for banishment.

It was alleged that at 4.45 p.m. on Monday, defendant, when told not to board Tram No. 28 near Jubilee Street, as it was then full, argued with the driver, which brought SJ (1) Wong to the scene. Defendant told the police that he was a member of the Fire Brigade and produced Plate No. 288 HKFB. Enquiries revealed that the plate belonged to defendant's brother.

## WAR MEMORIAL FUND

Subscriptions received on December 24: The Hong Kong & Yunnan Ferry Co., Ltd. (2nd Donation), \$2,000; In Memory of the late Mr. Geo. K. Hall-Burton (Hutton & Co., \$500; Henry C. Hoang Estates, Ltd., \$500; Staff and Pupils—St. Joseph's College \$350; Mrs. M. Q. B. Ross, \$200; Mrs. Kwok Hing, \$200; Miss Mo Yuen Lo, \$25; Mrs. Doris Ho, \$20; Mr. F. T. Melwan, \$100; Anonymous, \$100; Anonymous, \$100; Chiu Chow Chamber of Commerce, \$100; St. Mary's School, \$70. Equal Hong Kong Government Contribution \$450. Total: \$3,495.48.00.

## FOOD PARCELS FUND

Following is a list of Donations received up to Tuesday which have not yet been acknowledged in the press:

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## ENGINEER WENT BIRD SHOOTING

Wu Sai-ho, 39, engineer, went out bird-shooting on Dec. 23, and nabbed a pigeon and a kingfisher before he was seen by Sub-Inspector F. Roberts at 12.20 p.m. at Tsun Wan.

Under the Wild Birds Ordinance, kingfishers are protected birds and it was, therefore, a breach of the Games License to shoot them.

He was booked at the Tsun Wan Police Station on the charge of breach of his Games License, appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon Court yesterday.

Defendant pleaded that he was not aware that he could not shoot kingfishers. He was a collector of stuffed birds and also the birds he shot.

He was fined \$20 and warned to be more careful next time.

## Americans Appeal For Prayer

An appeal to all Churches in America to set aside a day of prayer for an early cessation of hostilities in China was made yesterday by Mrs. Herman C. E. Liu, one of the few prominent Chinese Democratic League leaders in Hong Kong.

In a telegram to Dr. Daniel Polling, well-known columnist of the New York Post, Mrs. Liu, Central Executive Committee member of the Chinese Democratic League, asked for the following message to be forwarded to the Chairman of the Federation of American Churches:

"Victory of the United Nations has brought no happiness or prosperity to China. Instead, raging civil war between the Kuomintang and the Communist Party inflicts unprecedented suffering upon the undefended masses."

"On behalf of Christian members of the Chinese Democratic League, I appeal to you, to request all Churches in America to set aside a day of prayer for an early cessation of hostilities. This would be the greatest Christmas gift to the Chinese people. May the Prince of Peace rule in China and the rest of the world."

## CHINESE Y.Y.C.A. APPOINTMENTS

Fifteen members have been elected by the members of the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association to form the Board of Directors for the year 1948 according to its constitution.

A total number of one hundred and twenty-seven votes were legally opened before the members, under the supervision of Rev. Wong Oi Tong, Mr. Kwok Pui Cheung and Mr. Chiu Kam Tui. The result is as follows:

Mr. Lam Chi-fung (121 votes) Rev. Lee Kau Yan (120 votes) Mr. Kwok Lam Po (111 votes) Mr. Kwok Pui Cheung (109 votes) Rev. Lau Yuet Sing (108 votes). The above are chosen for a period of three years.

Mr. Chan Zui Sang (94 votes) Mr. Lee Mang Piu (89 votes) Mr. Wong Man Kwong (87 votes) Mr. Au Ping Kwong (85 votes) Mr. Lui Wai chow (81 votes). The above are chosen for a period of two years.

Mr. Chik Yan Ko (80 votes) Mr. Fung King Cheung (73 votes) Mr. Lam See Hin (72 votes) Dr. Wong Man (66 votes) Mr. Chung Kwan Ting (62 votes). The above are chosen for a period of one year.

A Christmas concert was held simultaneously at the auditorium, and was fully enjoyed by members with a full house. The Choir of the Wan Chai Church was seated on the platform in their gowns, and sang the major part of the programmes which was most inspiring. Among other successes were the piano solo by Miss Tang Kam-mul, vocal solo by Mr. Leung King Chung, and the quartette by St. Stephen's Church Choir.

In reply to DSI Wall, defendant said that he was very busy at the time the purchases were made, he did not enter them into the books but a friend, (who was also a customer) kept a note on slips of paper.

The reason why he only produced six caps, instead of eight, was that he was very busy at the time of the Inspector's visit and thought that the number he produced was the whole lot.

They were at too busy to unhook the two packets (of four) of hub-caps, to put them among the motor accessories he had in the shop front, said defendant.

He did not see the reports in the press about the recent series of thefts of hub-caps, nor did he read the Commissioner of Police's statement to the Press.

Chun, summoned for failing to keep proper books, failing to enter the two purchases, and receiving the hub-caps, was found guilty on the first summons.

In evidence, he stated that he was not in the Colony at the time of the purchases but left the shop in charge of second accused and his accountant.

He knew that, under the terms of his license, he had to see that all purchases were duly entered in the books.

In reply to the Magistrate, DSI Wall said that "with the first accused out of circulation, the situation had improved slightly during the past week. In the area where Ho was arrested, there used to be five or six reports received daily of hub-cap thefts."

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## The Money Comes In



This is how Chinese money comes into the counter. Here you see bundles of banknotes printed in the United States being carried out for distribution in Shanghai. If you got it you like it, and if you like it, you've got it. —AP Photo.

## Xmas Eve Celebrated By Gold Bar Grab

A Christmas Eve seizure of 64 gold bars was made early yesterday morning in the harbour by Chief Provost Officer MacIntyre Brown's men. Valued at about \$100,000, the bars (each approximately five tael) were found cunningly concealed behind the wooden panels of an aft cabin in the motor-junk Tai Wo.

The junk's last port of call was Macao. The biggest seizure of gold from Macao this year was made on December 5 when more than 200 lbs were found on board motor-junk, Sun Tai Lee.

This seizure was valued at \$150,000.

## Sequel To Lane Crawford's Burglary

The first of the burglaries at Lane Crawford's had a sequel at the Central Magistracy yesterday when seven persons appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada, who sentenced five and cautioned two.

Mak Hing (22) of No. 5, Gough Street, was sentenced to six months on charges of (a) shopbreaking on December 7 (109 votes) and (b) stealing six pieces of suitcases, one propelling pencil, one measuring tape and one cigarette lighter, (b) stealing two pens from Messrs. Pent Marwick, Mitchell & Co. and (c) shopbreaking at the "Linen Women's" Clothing, No. 3, Chater Road on November 22 and stealing \$930.10 in cash and 11 pairs of nylon stockings.

Leung Tak (23) of No. 101, Queen's Road East, was sentenced to four months for shopbreaking at Lane Crawford's and aiding and abetting Mak to commit a larceny at Messrs. Pent Marwick, Mitchell & Co.

Li So (24) of No. 57 Peel Street, was sentenced to six months for shopbreaking, breach of an expulsion order and aiding and abetting Mak to commit the larceny from Messrs. Pent Marwick, Mitchell & Co.

Wong Chung-ting, 18, unemployed, No. 408, Lockhart Road, was sentenced to six months for receiving 124 yards of grey woolen cloth knowing them to be stolen.

Wu Ngai, a 40-year-old widow of No. 18, Chung Hing Street, was sentenced to two months for pawned clothing, the property of Lane Crawford's.

One of the most popular members of the local Police Force, Det. Insp. R.F.G. White, who has been stationed in the New Territories, left for Home yesterday on six months' leave.

Det. Insp. White was complimented at the October Criminal Sessions by Mr. Justice E.H. Williams (Chief Justice), for his success in arresting and securing the conviction of two members of a gang of armed robbers who carried out raids at Tai Shui Hang Village near Shatin, on June 27, using great violence and cruelty.

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## Prague Fear Of Marshall Plan Aid

Prague, Dec. 23. Czechoslovakia's independence would be threatened if she received Marshall Plan aid which would strangle the power of participating countries to take independent views, Doctor Klement Gottwald, Czechoslovak Premier, said today according to the Czechoslovak news agency.

"We cannot participate in aid which takes an unfavourable attitude towards nationalisation measures in industry and banking, which can be stopped whenever its granting under certain circumstances is not in accordance with the interests of the United States," he said.

Gottwald denied reports carried in some American papers that Czechoslovak communists intended to take over power by abolishing the present system of several parties.—Reuter.

## Obituary

### DR. GUTTERES

The remains of the Dr. Daniel Maria Pereira Gutterres were laid to rest at the Catholic Cemetery yesterday.

Rev. Father A. Zago officiated at the Chapel and at the graveside.

Besides the chief mourners, the widow and a sister, others present were Mrs. M. A. Graca, Mrs. H. N. Graca, E. J. Xavier, Mrs. N. Collaco, Mrs. L. Lopes, Mrs. O. Costa, Miss R.C.P. Xavier, Miss M.A. Xavier, A. Noronha, A. N. Alvarez, Miss M. Carneiro, O. P. Remedios, Mrs. F.N. Pinna, Mrs. A.M. d'Aquino, R.J. Barnes, Miss A.M. Barnes, A.V. Gosano, Mrs. Decker, Officers of Jardine's Mercantile Marine and many others.

Floral tributes were sent by Masters and Officers of the Lok Sang, Chinese crew of the Lok Sang, F. Clark and H. Beck, Captain and Officers of E. Sang, Auntie Terry, M.B. Zimmerman, Directors of John D. Hutchison, Staff of John D. Hutchison, M.F. de Pinna, Daniel P.K. Au, General Managers of Indo China S.N. Co., Ltd., Mr. and Mrs. N.C. Jones, Captain and Officers of Wing Sang, Captain and Mrs. R. E. Smith, Captain G. Clarke, Lucilla Dos Remedios and from sisters Lollie, Olga, Barbara and Teresa, and others.

At the time of his death, Dr. Gutterres was a ship surgeon on the s.s. Lok Sang (Indo-China S.S. Co.). He died as a result of an accidental fall into the Lok Sang's hold at Kobe, Japan, on December 16. He was 41 years old.

The only son of the late Mr. Daniel and Mrs. Laura Pereira Gutterres, former prominent residents in Shanghai, Dr. Gutterres took his doctor's degree in 1927 at the Aurora University in Shanghai and was connected with the Health Department of the French Municipal Council in Shanghai for many years.

For his valued services, he was decorated by the French authorities. He also received the Shanghai Volunteer Corps in which he served for several years. In the "B" Battalion, when the Shanghai Volunteer Corps was dissolved when the Japanese occupied Shanghai, Dr. Gutterres held the rank of Captain.

He was also a Committee member of the Shanghai Anti-TB Association.

Dr. Gutterres was well-known in sports circles. He was a member of the Clube Lusitano, the Shanghai Race Club, the Shanghai Recreation Club.

He leaves to mourn his loss, a widow and sister in Hong Kong; two sisters in Shanghai and a sister in Brazil.

"WIPE THE SMILE OFF YOUR FACE"

"Wipe that smile off your face. Mr. F.X. d'Almada warned grinning Hing Kau, of Johnston Road, when he fined the 24-year-old tri-cyclist \$20 or 10 days' imprisonment for Central Magistracy yesterday.

Hing was arrested for riding an unlicensed tri-cyclist near the Star Ferry Wharf.

Mr. F.W. Barthrop, Labour Adviser to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, arrived here yesterday by air from Singapore.

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## CHINA CONVENES NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Nanking, Dec. 24. The Government will issue a formal order, on Christmas Day to convene the National Assembly next March 29 to elect China's first constitutional President, an official spokesman said.

The order has to be given in a last-minute flurry of vote-counting which permitted the Central Election Office to announce certification of 2,030 successful Assembly candidates from last month's election—14 more than the number necessary for a quorum.

The spokesman said the bulk of the remaining Assembly men will be certified before the convention date.

Ninety percent of the Assemblymen declared, elected by Kuomintang candidates, Government spokesman Hollington Tong said. The National Assembly originally scheduled to meet tomorrow was delayed, Tong said, because of difficulty of determining the results of the election held late in November.

The Central Election Office said reports to date now show 150,000,000 Chinese voters in the Assembly election.

A second order will be issued, however, continuing functions of the People's Political Council until the National Assembly meets.—Associated Press.

"That was a very, very dangerous thing to do. I must confiscate the goods. I shall only impose a nominal fine of \$50."

Mr. W. H. Latimer, Magistrate, was speaking to Wong Choi, 38, master of boat 567M, who was charged with carrying dangerous goods and failing to proceed to the Dangerous Goods Anchorage.

According to Inspector J. Orem, defendant's boat was boarded by S/ Chris. Pile at 8 a.m. on Dec. 23 while it was anchored at Tap Mun among a number of other junks.

On board were 400 4-gallon tins of kerosene, valued at \$3,200. There was no fire-fighting appliance on the boat.

When defendant pleaded that he was not the owner of the kerosene but "just carrying it for a man who had gone to Taipo," Inspector Orem stated that it was another case of blockade-running.

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## Europeans On Traffic Summonses

A number of Europeans appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at the Central Magistracy yesterday to answer traffic summonses.

Charged with obstructing the public highway outside Holland House at 12.20 p.m. on December 19, Mr. G.S. Wobley, of the Education Department, was cautioned.

For proceeding along Hennessy Road at over 30 m.p.h. on Nov. 25, Francis Dominie Secluna, of Tung Lo Wan Road, Wanchai, was cautioned.

Appearing on a charge of obstruction, Montal Joseph Edward of Kennedy Terrace, was fined \$20. His car was found in Ice House Street on Nov. 23.

F.H. De Kantezew, of 10, Shonson Hill Road, was fined \$20 for leaving his car unattended outside Connaught Road Central.

Sergeant Beards Moore, of R.A.F. Signals, Tai Hang, was charged with dangerous driving on Nov. 17. He was apprehended by Traffic Inspector Reddish while driving a truck along Connaught Road at about 4.42 p.m. on that day.

### Withdrawn

The charge was withdrawn yesterday by Inspector Reddish in view of the fact that defendant had left by the Straithnaver for England.

For driving without due care, two Sanitary Department lorry drivers were fined \$15 and \$75. PWD-8218 was found by Inspector Reddish overtaking another lorry along Hennessy Road at 10.40 a.m. and at the same time overtaking a private car on the wrong side of the road. Charged with dangerous driving, defendant was fined \$50.

H.K. Motor Bus 4112 was also found by Inspector Reddish driving recklessly along Upper Albert Road. Defendant was fined \$75.

## Last Fling For Czechs

Prague, Dec. 23. Czechoslovakia's Christmas will be a last fling of comparative luxury before the Czechs buckle down to a hard and hungry winter.

Most Czechs will manage to have fairly generous holiday meals, including the traditional Christmas Eve fried carp, and goose with dumplings and sauerkraut for Christmas Day, candy and cookies strung on the candle-lit tree and an orange for everyone who has not gobbled up his ration of two distributed last week.

However, the January ration cards, distributed before Christmas, will give Czechs their lowest monthly rations since shortly after the war, while on December 27 a heavy luxury tax goes into effect on hundreds of articles, ranging from 20 per cent on liquor to 100 per cent on some luxuries.—United Press.

## Lavish St. Louis Funeral

St. Louis, Dec. 23.

Lavish funeral services marked by a procession of a 30-piece band and 48 limousines which tied up Christmas traffic, were held on Monday for Joe Lin, known unofficially as the mayor of this city's Chinatown.

The funeral was attended by Chinese leaders from 28 cities. Lin served seven years as President of the On Leong, Chinese Merchants and Labour Association of the Eastern U.S. Christian services in Chinese were used and certain rituals of the old country were retained in the rites.

Lin died on Dec. 13, aged 66. He operated a restaurant here.—Associated Press.

## CHIANG'S HOLIDAY

Nanking, Dec. 24. Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek are to fly to the mountain resort of Kuling this afternoon for the Christmas holiday.

The trip had been postponed for an important military conference.—United Press.

## The Christmas Spirit



Minister Jokop Tito takes a glass of wine from the wife of the Hungarian President in honour of the Jugo-Slav delegation at Budapest this month. Tito is in Budapest to sign a mutual aid agreement with Hungary. He has already signed a similar agreement with Bulgaria.—AP Photo.

## It Was A Nasty Trick —And He Went To Gaol

"A nasty trick and you will have to go to prison for eight months with hard labour," declared Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr to Kwan Chung-leung who pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny of \$1,000 from Chiu Yung on Dec. 20.

Det. Sub-Inspector D.S. Roberts stated that the complainant was the beneficiary of the accused. Complainant was a travelling trader and went to Macao on business on Dec. 10. There, he met defendant who was begging for alms. Believing the man's tale that he was a member of the Chinese Medical Corps, Chiu took pity on him.

When Kwan stated that he was willing to come to Hong Kong, complainant brought him back on Dec. 20 and permitted him to stay at his (Chiu's) house at 88 Lai Chi Kok Road, second floor. Defendant was also promised a job.

At 9 p.m. that night, complainant's uncle, Cheuk Sai-pak, lent him \$1,000 for his business. An aunt, Lau Su, acted as guarantor. The money was handed to Chiu at his house in the presence of the aunt and defendant.

**Took Off His Coat**  
Half an hour later, the complainant took off his coat (with the \$1,000 in one of the pockets) and hung it on a nail in the sitting room, preparatory to taking his bath.

When he came out from his bath, at 10 p.m., his aunt told him that accused "had left and that before leaving he had tried on the coat and looked into the pockets.

On examining his pockets, complainant found that the two \$500 bills had disappeared. He reported to the Shamshui Police.

Suspecting that Kwan had returned to Macao, Chiu went to

## Break In Russian Church

Miami, Dec. 23.

The Russian Orthodox Church here today severed relations with the Moscow Patriarch, claiming that he is trying to implant Communism in American parishes.

The Church allies itself with the New York Archbishop "until the liberation of the Patriarch and the country of Russia from their ungodly yoke."—United Press.

## ARREST DENIED

Teheran, Dec. 23.

Reports of the arrest of Ghavam es Sultaneh were flatly denied by the authorities in Teheran today. It is now believed that he may shortly leave the country for Switzerland, where he wants to take medical treatment.—United Press.

## Yoshida Takes A Stand

Tokyo, Dec. 25.

Former Premier Shigeru Yoshida, presently President of the Liberal Party, speaking in Kochi, City on Shikoku Island, today demanded the resignation of the Katayama Cabinet, according to reports received in Tokyo.

He said in the Katayama Cabinet he no longer represents the populace and is unfit to be in office to face the forthcoming peace conference for Japan.

Meanwhile, a public opinion poll conducted by Jiji Press, revealed that 25.8 per cent of the people questioned supported the Liberal Party, 17.6 per cent supported the Social Democratic Party, 17.6 per cent supported the Democratic Party, 3.3 per cent the People's Cooperative Party and 2.9 per cent the Communist Party and 2.2 per cent supported the other political parties.

The remaining 30.5 per cent was said to support no party.—United Press.

## Typhoon Hits Yap

Washington, Dec. 23.

The U.S. Navy reported today that a typhoon struck the Island of Yap in the Marianas on Monday morning causing considerable damage, but leaving no known casualties.

Ninety-mile-an-hour winds drove an inter-island cargo ship aground and ripped away the roofs of houses, warehouses, power lines and bridges. The storm was last reported to be moving west northwest.—United Press.

## TURK ANXIETIES OVER RUSSIAN MOVES

Istanbul, Dec. 23. Signs of anxiety are apparent in Turkish governmental circles over political developments both south and north of Turkey.

While no official word was forthcoming of Turkey's reaction to the series of friendship pacts negotiated by Marshal Tito in the Balkans, developments there were being closely watched.

Yugoslavia has negotiated 20-year mutual assistance pacts with Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary and Albania.

The Jewish-Arab strife in Palestine also was getting close attention. Turkey voted against partition in the United Nations, but has maintained a hands off policy since then, even to the extent of refusing newsmen permission to approach two Jewish refugee ships expected to pass through the Bosphorus from Constantinople.

Some observers say one of Turkey's great fears in the Middle East crisis is that it might provide the opportunity for Russia to "send troops to Palestine to 'preserve order,' thus placing Soviet forces both north and south of Turkey."—Associated Press.

## Pope Down With Influenza

London, Dec. 23.

The Pope has a slight attack of influenza, not a cold as earlier stated, it was learned to-night. The indisposition is taking a normal course with slow but steady improvement, it was added.

Although his voice has not yet regained its full power the Pope will give his traditional Christmas eve radio message to the Catholic world, because it felt that the international situation had worsened since the breakdown of the Foreign Ministers Council in London.

The broadcast will last for half an hour.—Reuter.



Minister Tito, Premier of Yugoslavia, was in Budapest at the beginning of the month to sign a mutual aid pact with Hungary, having already concluded a similar agreement with Bulgaria. He is here seen signing the Budapest pact in the Presidential Palace, Budapest. At the left is Zoltan Tildy, the Hungarian President, and in the center background is M. Velecky, Yugoslav Deputy Foreign Minister. (AP Photo)

## Britain May Vote Conservative

London, Dec. 24. The Conservative "Daily Express" said today that a sampling of British public opinion during the first two weeks of December showed that 38 per cent of the British electorate would vote Conservative, 34 per cent for Labour and seven per cent for the Liberal Party.—United Press.

## Bombay Strike Threat

Bombay, Dec. 23.

The Girni Kamur (Textile Workers) Union on Tuesday night decided to call on 200,000 members to strike on December 29 as a protest against foodstuffs decontrol and what it called partiality in industrial adjudication.

Socialists decided 10 days ago on a half day general strike the same day, involving an estimated half million workers in the city. The Kamgar Union is Communist dominated.—Associated Press.

## MONKS SENTENCED

Belgrade, Dec. 23.

Five Franciscan monks at Pola in Istria were sentenced to prison terms of four to 15 years for espionage for a foreign power, according to official dispatches from Ljubljana today.

The monks were convicted by the district high court of sending 111 radio dispatches from a secret transmitter in Saint Anthony's monastery in Pola containing "military and economic information."—United Press.

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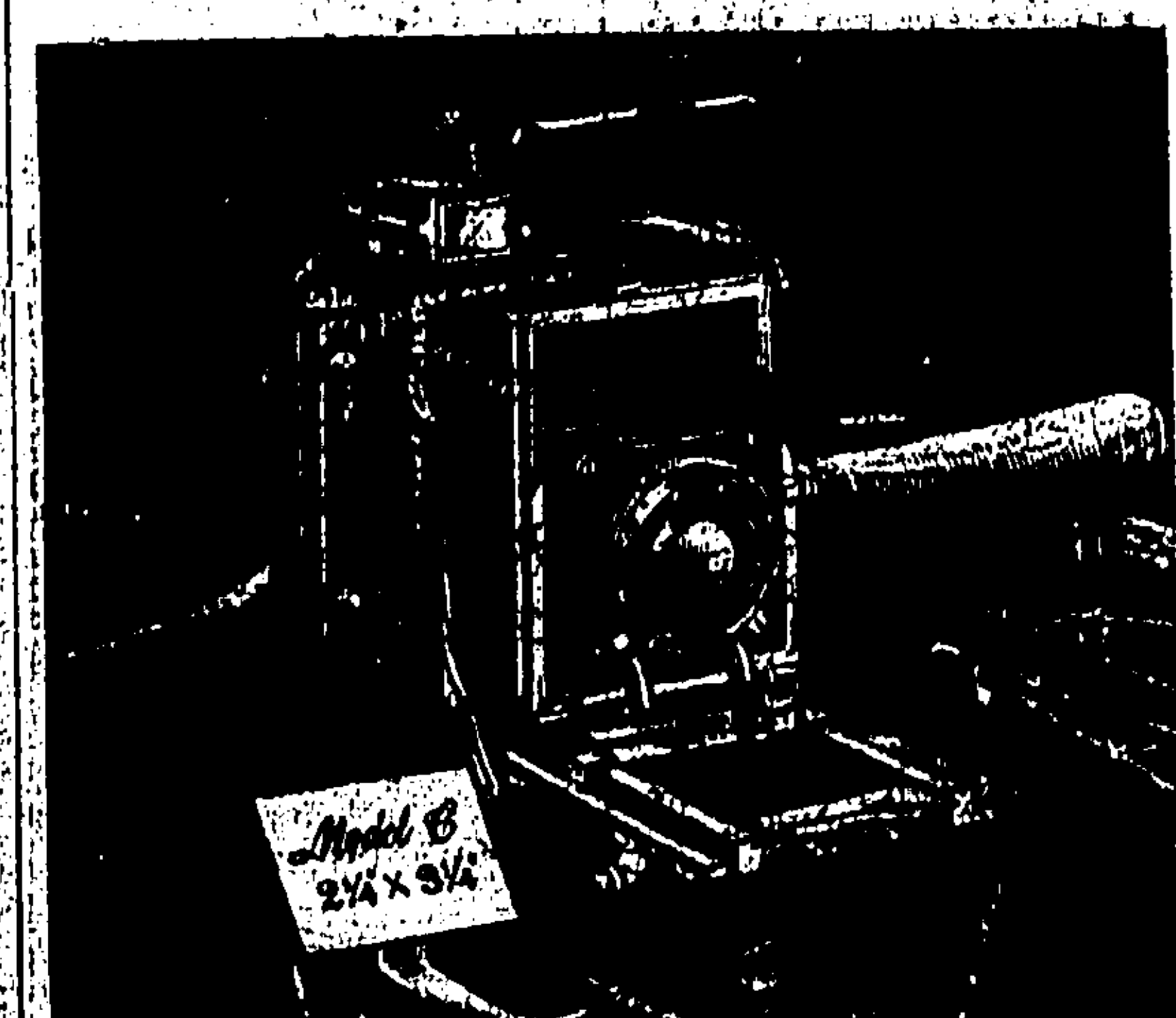
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5.20p.

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5.30p.

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## Red Cross Protest

Geneva, Dec. 23.  
The International Committee  
of the Red Cross has communi-  
cated with the governments and  
national Red Cross societies pro-  
testing against the detention of  
prisoners of war by the victor-  
ious powers two years after  
hostilities have ceased.

The measures taken by the  
victorious powers, the Committee  
stated, give no grounds to hope  
that the prisoners will regain  
their freedom before January 1,  
1949.

"The capture of prisoners of  
war has only a single aim: to  
prevent enemy combatants from  
taking up arms once more," a  
communique issued by the In-  
ternational Committee said.

"Captivity today," the com-  
munique added, "is apparently  
maintained on account of the  
scarcity of labour in the detaining  
countries."

"It therefore becomes a com-  
pulsory labour service for ex-  
servicemen, who are the nationals  
of countries compelled to furnish  
war reparations."—Reuter.

# FOR PEACE ON EARTH AND GOODWILL Unarm Thee, Soldier - The Task Is Done

New York, Dec. 23.  
For peace on earth the majority of the people in  
five countries—the United States, Britain,  
Canada, Holland, and Sweden — are  
willing to surrender part of their national  
sovereignty to the United Nations to make it  
an effective world government having control  
over the armed forces of each member nation.

## Tension Mounts In Trieste

Trieste, Dec. 23.  
Tension mounted today in  
Trieste after 12 persons were  
injured in two separate bomb-  
ing incidents in the past two  
days.

The disorders occurred amid  
Italian-Yugoslav negotiations  
over the naming of a candidate  
for the civilian Governor of  
this free territory.

Some allies sources suggest-  
ed that the Yugoslavs probably  
were ready to accept an Italian  
or a Western power candidate  
to hasten the evacuation of 10,  
000 United States and British  
troops now occupying a portion  
of the Trieste area. These in-  
formants added, however, that  
the Western powers probably  
could not be jockeyed into a po-  
sition of suggesting an acceptable  
candidate at this time.

Yugoslav units which garri-  
son a part of this free territory  
are said by one high allied of-  
ficial to have already communi-  
cated their occupation zone.—As-  
sociated Press.

Peiping, Dec. 24.  
The United States Ambassador,  
Dr. John Leighton Stuart, arrived  
by plane today from Nanking for  
Christmas at Yenching University,  
which he considers to be his home.  
He expects to remain a week on  
an unofficial visit.—United Press.

## FREE HAND

Paris, Dec. 23.  
The French Government an-  
nounced today that the French  
High Commissioner in Indo-  
China, M. Emile Bollaert, will be  
given a free hand to continue all  
necessary action on negotiations  
to restore peace and liberty in  
Indo-China.—Reuter.

# Fishermen Were Caught In A Net

Barl, Dec. 23.  
A fleet of about 30 Italian  
fishing boats with crews total-  
ling 150 men were rounded up  
by a Yugoslav warship on  
Saturday night and escorted  
towards Yugoslav waters,  
returning fishermen reported  
here today.

While Italians were fishing in  
territorial waters round the island  
of Pelagosa, in mid-Adriatic, they  
said, when the warship appeared  
and conducted them towards  
Sponda.

Their report was partially con-  
firmed by the fact that many Ita-  
lian fishing boats from Mola and  
Melfetta, near here, as well as  
from Bari itself, were today still  
missing from their recent trip.

According to newspaper reports,  
15 other fishing boats have been  
held by Yugoslavs for several  
weeks.—Reuter.

## Two Children And Plane

Bristol, Dec. 23.  
Two children, a boy of three  
and his four-year-old sister  
cruised in a plane over Bristol  
for an hour at 11,000 feet today  
in the hope of curing them of  
whooping cough in time for  
Christmas.

Flight Lieutenant J. H. Win-  
gate Hill, chief flying instructor  
of the Bristol and Wessex Aero-  
plane Club who piloted the plane,  
said that this treatment was  
claimed in some cases to provide  
an almost instantaneous cure.

The flight was carried out under  
a doctor's certificate and the chil-  
dren were flown separately with  
their father accompanying one  
and their mother the other.  
Their father said tonight that  
an improvement in the children's  
condition was already noticeable.  
It was the first time any of the  
family had flown.—Reuter.

## IMMORALITY IN JAPAN

Tokyo, Dec. 23.  
A Japanese police spokesman  
today described "increasing  
immorality" among the Japa-  
nese populace and said many  
mushroom dance halls and  
cabarets were featuring exhibi-  
tions by nude dancers.

The spokesman said the es-  
tablishments were used as  
rendezvous for lecherous matrons  
with young University students.  
—United Press.

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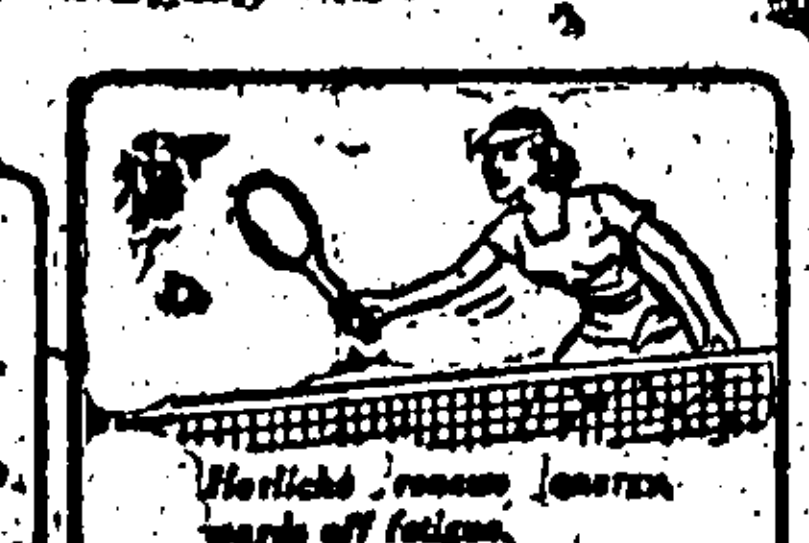


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one feels 'fed up' with the full nourish-  
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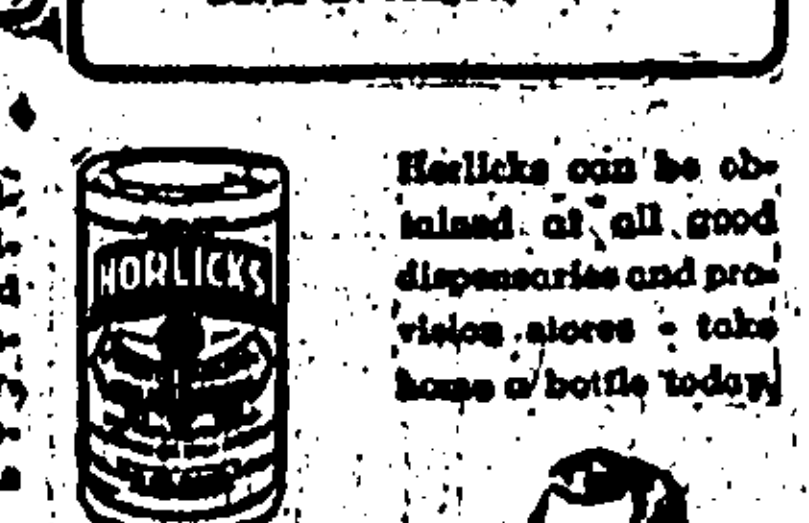
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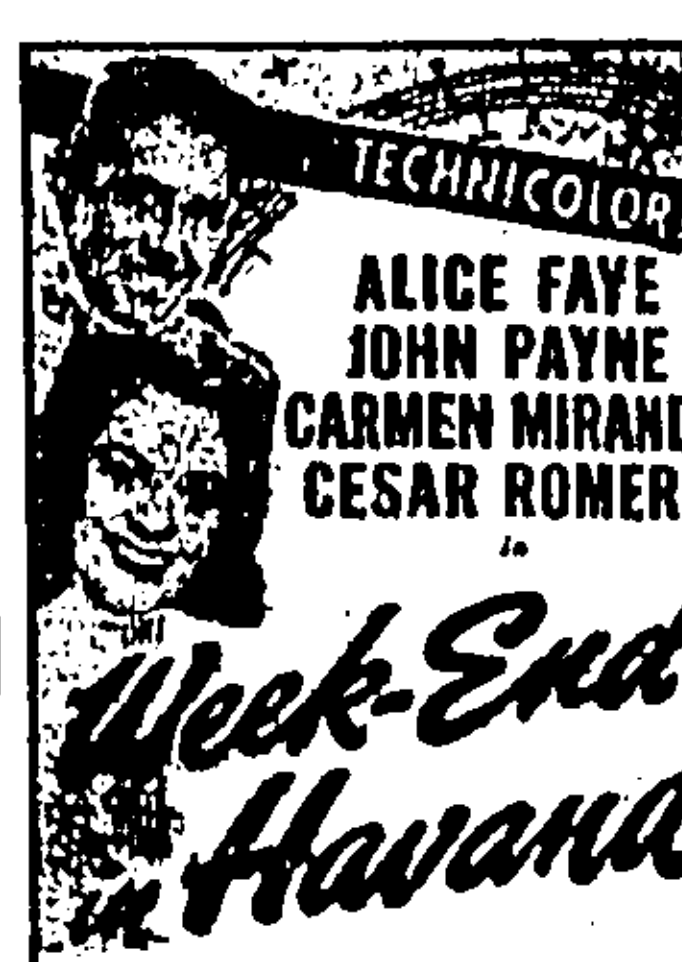
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# CHINA'S SECRET POLICE Shanghai Seizure In Broad Daylight Weakness In New Constitution

Shanghai, Dec. 24.  
In Shanghai a couple of weeks ago a well dressed youth walking along the famed Bund was stopped in broad daylight by a couple of unidentified men, hustled into an automobile under protest and driven away.

Nothing has been heard from him since.  
His kidnappers, everyone appears to agree, were government secret servicemen.  
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NO?

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DID MIGUEL  
WHISPER TO  
YOU JUST  
BEFORE WE  
LEFT?

OH—NOTHING—  
JUST SOME  
OLD SPANISH  
FUSTIAN!

BUT EARLY NEXT  
MORNING...

THAT'S QUER—  
ERIC'S SOUND OUT WITH  
FELIPE AT CRACK O'  
DARK—AND CARRYING  
A PAIR OF BULL'S  
HORNS BY THE

## Gift To Hospital

London, Dec. 23.  
An anonymous gift of £5,000 in memory of Mr. A. Simpson Smith, who lost his life serving the Royal Army Medical Corps in North Africa in 1942, has been received by the London University to establish a lectureship at Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, where Mr. Smith was a former surgeon.—Reuter.

## Stassen Accuses Democrats

Washington, Dec. 23.  
Harold E. Stassen, Presidential candidate, today accused the Administration of deliberately withholding pertinent information regarding operations of "Government insiders" in commodity markets.

The Republican Presidential aspirant issued a statement which said, "The continued delay of the Administration in reporting operations of insiders in the commodity market during 1947 is inexcusable. The issuance of voluminous reports by the Administration of normal grain trading on October 31, 1947 and October 31, 1946 and the withholding of precise information requested for weeks is obviously for the purpose of confusion and distraction."  
Stassen said the people will demand specific answers and "will not be fooled by showers of irrelevant statistics."—United Press.

## Congress Warning

Washington, Dec. 23.  
Chairman Charles A. Eaton, of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, today expressed doubt that Congress will authorize President Truman's full \$17,000,000,000 European recovery programme.

He thought the President has asked too much in his request to cover the first 15 months of the four-year programme.  
"He favours that Congress should adopt the 'general objectives' of the plan, but on a year-to-year basis," he said.  
Rep. Eaton said: "I think the President is adopting a well-known and consistently practised American principle of asking for more than you can get."—United Press.

## London Railways Xmas Activity

London, Dec. 23.  
London's main line station was busy today coping with incoming troops and other Christmas traffic.  
About 20,000 soldiers, sailors and airmen were arriving by ordinary and 15 special furlough trains.  
Special forces leave trains from Lancashire, Cheshire and North Wales are being run on all LMS lines and 11 arrived at Euston and Saint Pancras today.  
At Waterloo 28 troop specials are expected during the day and tomorrow.—Reuter.

Budapest, Dec. 23.  
Hungary has negotiated a cultural pact with Poland, it was learned here today.  
A delegation will visit Budapest on January 26 to sign on Poland's behalf.—Reuter.

## Truman Signs Money Bill

Washington, Dec. 23.  
President Truman signed here today the United States appropriation bill providing \$522,000,000 emergency aid to France, Italy and Austria.

The measure, passed in the closing hours of the special session of Congress last Friday, also appropriates \$18,000,000 for China relief.  
The only important modification in the plans for stop-gap aid has been caused by the \$57,000,000 cut in the original request of President Truman, upon which Congress insisted.

Decisions on where the programme is to be further "shaved" will not be made without consultation with the countries concerned.

## "PEOPLE'S" CONGRESS

Duesseldorf, Dec. 23.  
Two hundred Ruhr Communist and other left-wing representatives meeting in Duesseldorf today decided to summon a "people's congress" for the British zone of the province of North Rhine Westphalia in Duesseldorf on Jan. 27 "to fight against the attempts to form a Western German state."—Reuter.

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THROUGH A  
THOUSAND DREAMS  
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IN RIO  
A SOLID CITIZEN OF  
THE SOUTH  
I HAPPENED TO  
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# CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM Parliament Adjourns With Good Trade Tidings Cripps Cheerful For Once

London, Dec. 23. The British Parliament adjourned for the Christmas recess on Friday in a mood of cautious but rising optimism which is in marked contrast to the anxious atmosphere which the new session opened two months ago.

## Stalin Stouter

Moscow, Dec. 23. The first photograph taken of Generalissimo Stalin since his return from holiday on the Black Sea Riviera, and published today, showed that he has put on weight. The picture was taken as he and M. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, were voting in yesterday's municipal elections here. Generalissimo Stalin was wearing his uniform and seemed in excellent health. There was no mention in the Soviet press of his 68th birthday yesterday.—Reuter.

## "Unanimous Vote" For Stalin

London, Dec. 23. Moscow Radio reported today that voters of Moscow's 24th precinct "to the last man" voted yesterday for Joseph Stalin "who thus has been unanimously elected to Moscow city of the Soviet." The Radio said Stalin received all the votes of 1,017 registered voters in the precinct, plus 505 from "persons who came to vote at this precinct from other localities."

Stalin was also elected to Moscow regional Soviet as representative of ten precincts in the second Stalin election district. Moscow Radio said his vote was unanimous and many voters wrote on their ballots "moving expressions of their love, gratitude and greetings to Stalin."—United Press.

## No Strings Attached

Brussels, Dec. 21. M. Georges Bidault, French Foreign Minister, said tonight there did not exist "and could not exist" political conditions to the Marshall Aid Plan. He was speaking at a meeting attended by M. Paul Henri Spaak, the Belgian Prime Minister, at the Palais des Beaux Arts. To the audience, which filled the hall to capacity, M. Bidault stressed that Mr. Marshall's offer was accepted by all the Governments who were in a position to answer freely. If those who refused would later reconsider their decision, he said, their place was still reserved for them.

Referring to the nations who accepted American aid, M. Bidault added: "But we cannot refuse to peoples that which others, rashly or under constraint, refuse to theirs."—Reuter.

Paris, Dec. 22. A French naval escort today took an Italian three-masted vessel, suspected of illegally carrying passengers from Italy to Spain, into Toulon. The ship and her crew of 12 were "put under observation."—Reuter.

London, Dec. 23.

So buoyant were the feelings of some members that Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, just before Parliament rose, thought it necessary to stress the long way that remains to go to reach industrial targets and to warn the nation not to be cast down by inevitable temporary falls in production figures due to seasonal and other foreseeable factors. This said, Sir Stafford sent the House of Commons away with a cheerful report and Lord Pakenham did likewise in the House of Lords. Sir Stafford's words were the more attended to because of his well-known aversion from undue optimism. In his report the rising coal output naturally took first place, over 2,000,000 tons more coal having been cut so far this winter than at the same date last year. Nevertheless, Sir Stafford added, the effects of the very big programme of reconstruction and mechanisation now in hand have scarcely begun to show yet.

In textiles Sir Stafford reported a "really encouraging increase." "At last we have a quickening response to our situation," he said. The numbers employed in the textile industries rose from 756,000 in June to 784,000 in November. The weekly average output of cotton yarn, which was a little over 12,500,000 yards in June had risen to nearly 14,750,000 yards in November. Output of woven wool fabrics rose from 20,000,000 yards in June to 23,870,000 by the end of November.

### Machinery Output Rising Fast

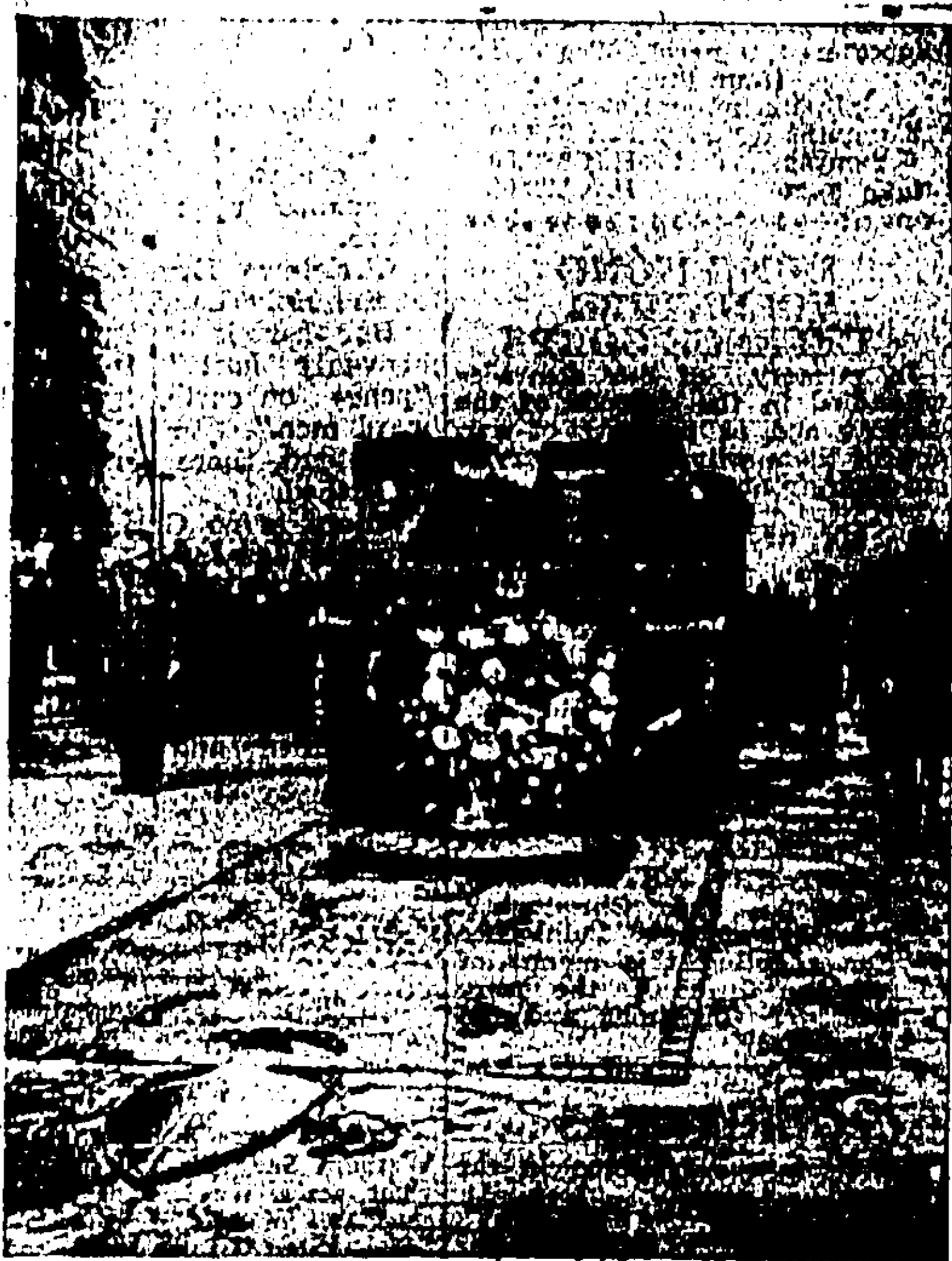
In steel, upon which depends the whole output of the great engineering industry, "we have been doing exceedingly well," Sir Stafford declared. Output of main line locomotives was 56 in June and 76 in October, and railway wagons just under 3,000 in June was over 4,000 in October. The value of internal combustion engines was over £1,600,000 in June, and nearly £2,200,000 in October. The value of hoisting machinery rose from £285,000 to £363,000.

Agricultural machinery, in which, said Sir Stafford, "we have the foundation of a most important new export industry," is being turned out in increasing quantities. Tractor production, for instance, rose from 8,300 in the first quarter of this year to 14,300 in the third quarter. These are outstanding examples from the main export industries. Other industries are also increasing so that, in Sir Stafford's words, "the overall picture shows an encouraging revival in our internal activities."

Referring to the difficulty of selling abroad, Sir Stafford stressed the importance of preventing a rise in price levels and, indeed, bringing them down.—L.P.S.

### TAX ON TRAVEL

Budapest, Dec. 23. A tax is to be imposed on all Hungarian citizens going abroad. The tax will be 30 florins for the first 10 days, 60 florins for the next 10 days and 100 florins for a further 10 days. For longer periods, a monthly rate will be fixed. Only emigrants and those appointed to posts abroad will be exempt from the new tax.—Reuter.



The body of General Jacques Leclerc (Vicomte de Hanteloup), Commander of the French second armoured division during the liberation, killed in an air crash in southern Algeria was taken to the Cathedral of Notre Dame and following requiem mass was moved to its final resting place in the chapel of the Invalides, Paris, where Napoleon, Foch and many other French soldiers lie. Photo shows a wreath from French President Vincent Auriol being placed at the casket at the tomb of the unknown warrior in Paris. (A.P.O.)

## Greatest Economic Planning Ever

New York, Dec. 23. American newspaper comment today on President Truman's message to Congress calling for \$17,000,000,000 for Marshall Plan aid to Europe varied from warm praise to a hint that the Administration's outlook was "dictated by black-mail."

The New York Herald Tribune declared: "With dignity and with forcefulness, President Truman has presented to Congress a distillation of the greatest effort towards international economic planning that has ever been undertaken."

"From this point on, the major responsibility will rest upon Congress."

The paper added: "The heart of the plan is sound and necessary—necessary to the maintenance of the civilisation in which the American way of life is rooted, indeed, for the maintenance of that way itself."

The New York Times said that the President took his stand on what promised to be one of the most controversial issues of the whole Congress.

"Some of the President's more cautious advisers had urged that he put the programme on a year to year basis, asking Congressional authority at this time only on that part covering the first 15 months."

"This hypocritical course he rejected unceremoniously."—Reuter.

The other defendants received sentences ranging from three to six years forced labour. When the trial began, the prosecution alleged that in March, 1947, before the British and Americans handed Pola over to the Yugoslavs under the terms of the Italian peace treaty, Father Gornjok agreed "to work actively for a foreign espionage service."—Reuter.

## Monk Gets 16 Years' Hard Labour

Belgrade, Dec. 22. Father Albino Gornjok, one of a group of monks accused of having a secret radio station for transmitting military information to a spy centre abroad, was sentenced today to 16 years forced labour, the Yugoslav News Agency reported from Pola, south of Trieste.

## Dewey Favoured For Presidency

Washington, Dec. 23. Governor Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, will win the 1948 Republican presidential nomination and will defeat President Truman in the November election, according to a poll of 57 Washington political writers by "Look" Magazine. The poll showed that 20 of 57 correspondents believe Dewey will be the GOP nominee. Gen. Dwight Eisenhower got 13 votes; Senator Taft, 12 and Senator Vandenberg five. Gen. MacArthur was not mentioned. All correspondents picked President Truman as the Democratic nominee and 23 predicted Dewey would win. Secretary James Forrestal will be his running mate despite Forrestal's statement he would not be a candidate and could not be drafted for political office. The correspondents overwhelmingly predicted a Republican victory. Nineteen picked Dewey to win while only five writers thought Truman would be elected. Fewer than three correspondents thought the United States would move closer to peace next year. It thought Canada was "while one was undecided."—United Press.

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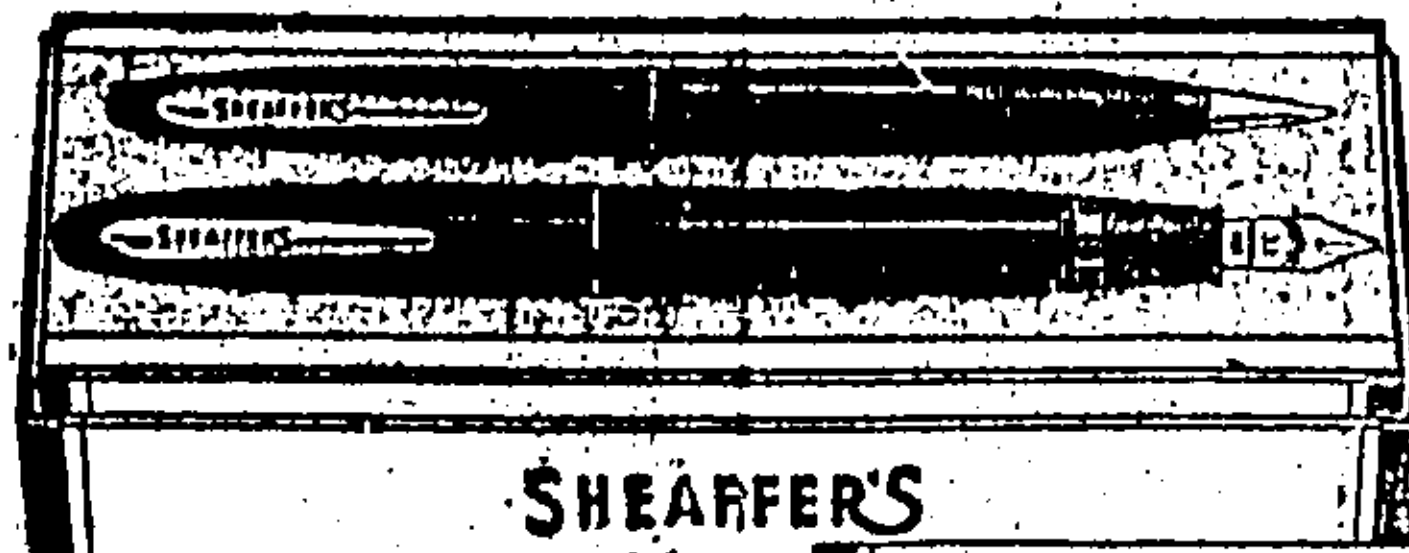
Is it the same man, in these two pictures? Yes! On the left he's got Dry Scalp. How untidy his hair looks. He just can't keep it in place. And it's dry and lifeless, with no gloss on it. Even worse—bits of loose, scaly dandruff keep showing in his hair and on his coat collar, too. No Dry Scalp on the right, thanks to 'Vaseline' Brand Hair Tonic. His hair is healthy, easy to comb. No dandruff. And looks well dressed. You, too, can end Dry Scalp! Just massage gently with this Tonic Dressing every morning. Use sparingly, supply is still short.

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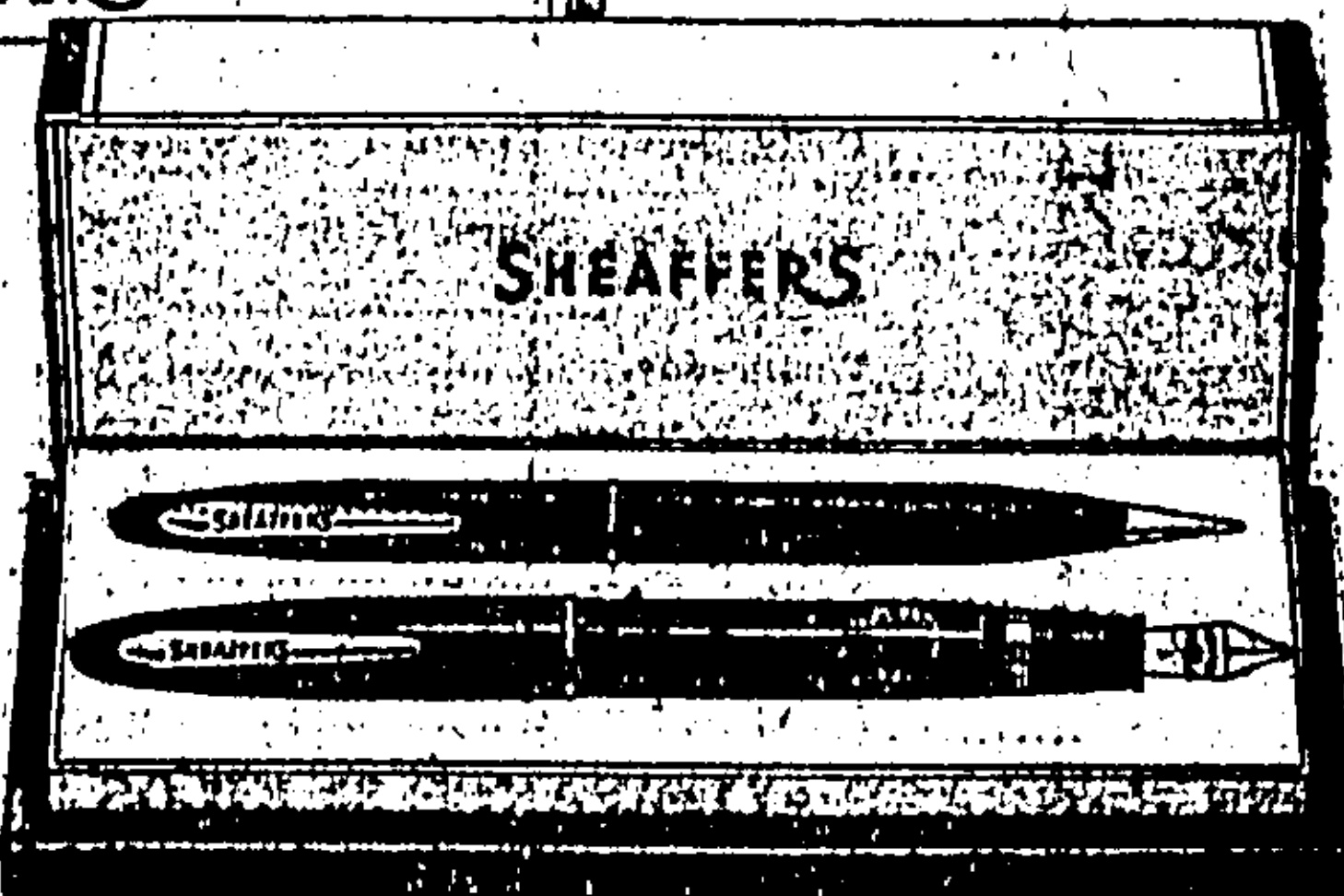
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teer Detachment. "Tootie."

PERSONAL

MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR GEE,

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for adopting this means of

wishing them all the very

best for Christmas and the

New Year.

CHRISTMAS

Once again we welcome in the

Christmas season, with its in-

spiring message of hope, its

renewed call to high endea-

vor, the glow and warmth of

its spirit of gladness and good-

will, of friendship and frater-

nity.

Nothing in the world of inter-

national affairs is live with en-

couragement, it is true, but this

day the wider scene may be

permitted to recede into the

background, and we may count

our blessings nearer home, and

find cause to rejoice. That is,

most of us.

For many in Hong Kong, of

course, Christmas Day is one

of vivid and tragic memory,

memory of a December 25th

six years ago when our world

crashed about our ears, leaving

us shocked and numbed by the

swiftness of calamity, and for

many days quite incapable of

interpreting the disaster in

terms of its personal meaning

and impact.

If, therefore, this sixth anniver-

sary of the Fall of Hong Kong

comes at the closing of a year

of prosperity rarely equalled

in the Colony's history, fitting

to a festive air, there is call,

too, for moments of reflection

and silent thought for those

who find it a little more dif-

ficult to stir gladness in their

hearts.

The Scars Of War

The scars left by the Japanese

onslaught are not all personal.

Much remains to be done be-

fore it can be said that they

are truly healed. Too many

are without homes, where

alone Christmas can properly

be celebrated. Reconstruction

in many fields is essential be-

fore we can recover the full-

ness of life and living, obtain

the true reward of our endea-

vours.

This is applicable to almost

every sphere, even to our-

selves. No-one is more con-

scious than we of the technical

improvements that are neces-

sary to bring our publications

back to their pre-war stand-

ards. We are beginning now

to recover the old "feel" but

are still without so many nec-

essary replacements of equip-

ment lost or destroyed in the

descent of the Japanese juggen-

aut.

The advances we have made have

been comforting and reassuring.

It was no small achievement to

be able to resume publication

within a few days of the ar-

ival in Hong Kong of the

liberating British Fleet under

Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt,

when our plant (such as was

left) lacked every important

element in the means of pro-

duction. Borrowing from

here and borrowing from

there, from friends in the

printing trade who displayed

the true spirit of goodwill,

alone made it possible.

Since then, a good deal has been

done by piecemeal progress, to

give our readers a newspaper

in which today we feel entitled

to take some pride. By that

we do not mean that we are

satisfied. Very much to the

contrary. But the difficulties

common to all undertakings in

obtaining equipment, since the

war we still have to over-

come, though an assurance has

been received that more cap-

ital items will soon be avail-

## The Christmas Moonlight Is Cold

## IN THE CRADLE OF CHRISTIANITY

By ROBERT MILLER

In this cradle of Christianity, there is cold moonlight, and men are wailing violence and vengeance upon their neighbors.

Christmas Eve comes again to the Holy Land.

But there is no "multitude of heavenly hosts" to proclaim "peace on earth, goodwill toward men."

Instead, there is war, and bloodshed.

There is no Christmas truce between Jew and Arab.

Since the partition of the Holy Land, voted by the United Nations, the conflict has quickened.

I have just filed a dispatch saying that 260 persons had been killed and 604 wounded

since the United Nations action. Today I left strife behind. I walked the winding road from Jerusalem to Bethlehem.

This is the highway Mary and Joseph travelled 1947 years ago. As I left the walled city of Jerusalem and descended into the valley, I met an aged Franciscan friar. He stood looking at the Jaffa gate and the ancient Roman guard tower.

He said: "Some things change but little, even in 2,000 years."

He spoke great truth. There have been outward changes, but hills and rocks and rivers here are as they were when Mary

and Joseph went five miles from Jerusalem to Bethlehem. The road is macadamized now instead of being of soil and gravel, but it still winds through hardy olive trees.

Soldiers are still along the road, but now they are British troops in green armoured cars instead of the legions of Caesar Augustus.

Men fought for religious faiths for centuries, and as you pass out of Jerusalem you can see the outward signs of the struggle still going on.

Members of the Jewish defence force Hagannah are in roof-top nests, with rifles and grenades, near the Wailing Wall. Arabs crouch in similar rooftop nests, ready to die in defence of the Mosque of Omar.

At the foot of the Mount of Zion, an old man crouches on the stones.

Just as the cobblers down the centuries set up shops along the main roads, where shoes were worn thin, so this old man is hammering at leather with crude tools.

Tiny donkeys, hidden beneath great piles of olive branches on their backs, crowd the road and I move aside to let them pass just as travellers on the same road must have done the same day almost 2,000 centuries ago.

I note there are six new graves on the Mount of Olives today. Two of them are in the Moslem cemetery on the east slope and they hold the bodies of men who were killed by a bomb at the Damascus Gate.

On the west slope are four Jews, whose convoy was ambushed last week near the Pool of Solomon.

On down the shiny macadam road, you come to two dark splotches—the blood of two young Arabs who were shot down a week ago tonight.

Halfway through the journey, you come to the Well of Rest where, tradition says, Mary and Joseph paused on their way to Bethlehem. The same worn boulder is still there, shaded by the olive groves.

The place is aptly named Well of Rest, for under the olive branches, off the road, there is peace and quiet and the noise of traffic on the highway comes only as a faint hum.

Farther on, it is time to turn off the main road toward Bethlehem, and that brings you to the Tomb of Rachel, an ancient reminder of the valley of the shadow of death into which each woman who is with child must enter. It was here that Rachel, wife of Jacob, died in childbirth while the family was moving to Hebron. The tomb

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## Vignette Of A London Shopping Tour

By GERRY HILL

London, Dec. 22.

Toyland was daydream stuff to Warburton Sally Thomas. In all her eight years, she had never seen a shop full of toys.

She knew Oxford Street and Regent Street—her Mummy took her sometimes when she shopped. But she had never seen the shops of those famous streets as they were this year.

For the first time in seven years, Toyland was really sprung up in the London shops. There were today bears and dolls, shining, playtime automobiles and glistening, make-believe trains. It was like the pictures from America, and children by the thousands wandered wide-eyed through the throngs, window-shopping for what to ask for at Christmas and seeking the most for their Christmas-gift money.

Sally's chubby face glowed and she clutched her few shillings moistly. She stared with delight and burst out to her mother:

"Can I have some of these?"

Mother was dubious. The prices were more than a little high. They were three times the pre-war prices and beyond the reach of a family budget built for the problems of food and housing and income tax at nine shillings out of every 20 earned.

That did not mean much to an eight-year-old who never had a doll to dress or a teddy bear to cuddle.

"What shall I buy with my ten shillings, Mummy?"

What could she buy? Dolls cost from 25/- for a naked doll to 2/- for one with a smart wardrobe—New Look and all. Mummy explained

gently that 10/- would not buy even half a doll.

There was Santa Claus in a corner. Sally could visit him. It would cost 5/6, but of course, she would have three photographs taken, holding hands with the old gentleman.

For 11/- Sally bought six sticks of gayly-coloured modelling clay and her eye fell upon a glass tank with gold fish.

Her mother looked at the price tag on the aquarium—two feet by three with six tiny fish swimming in it. It said £20.

The salespeople were understanding. "The child walked past shelf after shelf of things she had dreamed about. They let her touch them, but she could not take them away."

Plastic tea sets, jet-propelled racing boats, unbreakable tin soldiers and animals with articulated arms and legs jostled together. There were tons of toys which were the outcome of war production and scientific research.

Sally watched a little American boy take up a toy xylophone, priced at 8/10. His mother snatched it away.

"They're 60 cents back home," she snapped.

Sally looked at the jet-propelled boats, racing about in their little pools. They cost 28 shillings, but they did not interest her much, anyway.

She looked and looked, and the youngster's face lost its radiance in disappointment at the looming failure of her Christmas shopping expedition.

Then she spied just what she wanted for her baby sister. Its price was 12/6 and, if Mummy would lend her the extra, it would be worth it to go without a toy for herself to put in her sister's stocking.

Mother agreed. The purchase was made. Sally walked happily from the store, hearing her brightly painted wooden rattle, across which were stamped the words:

"Made in America."—United Press.

100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail")

An express arrived about 11 o'clock this forenoon from Cuming-moon, with intelligence that some ten or twelve armed Junks had entered the anchorage and that their object was probably an attempt upon the Opium vessels.

The Agents for the Underwriters lost no time in representing the matter to the Admiral, and as no vessel of war was available at the moment, the River Company's Steamer "Hong-kong" was chartered for the service, several drafts of men were put on board her from the "Hastings," and a pennant and a White Flag hoisted, which, however, were presently hauled down, and the Steamer proceeded out of the harbour about 3 p.m. under the Mercantile Ensign.

It is probable some later intelligence had reached the Admiral to the effect that the desired assistance was no longer needed.

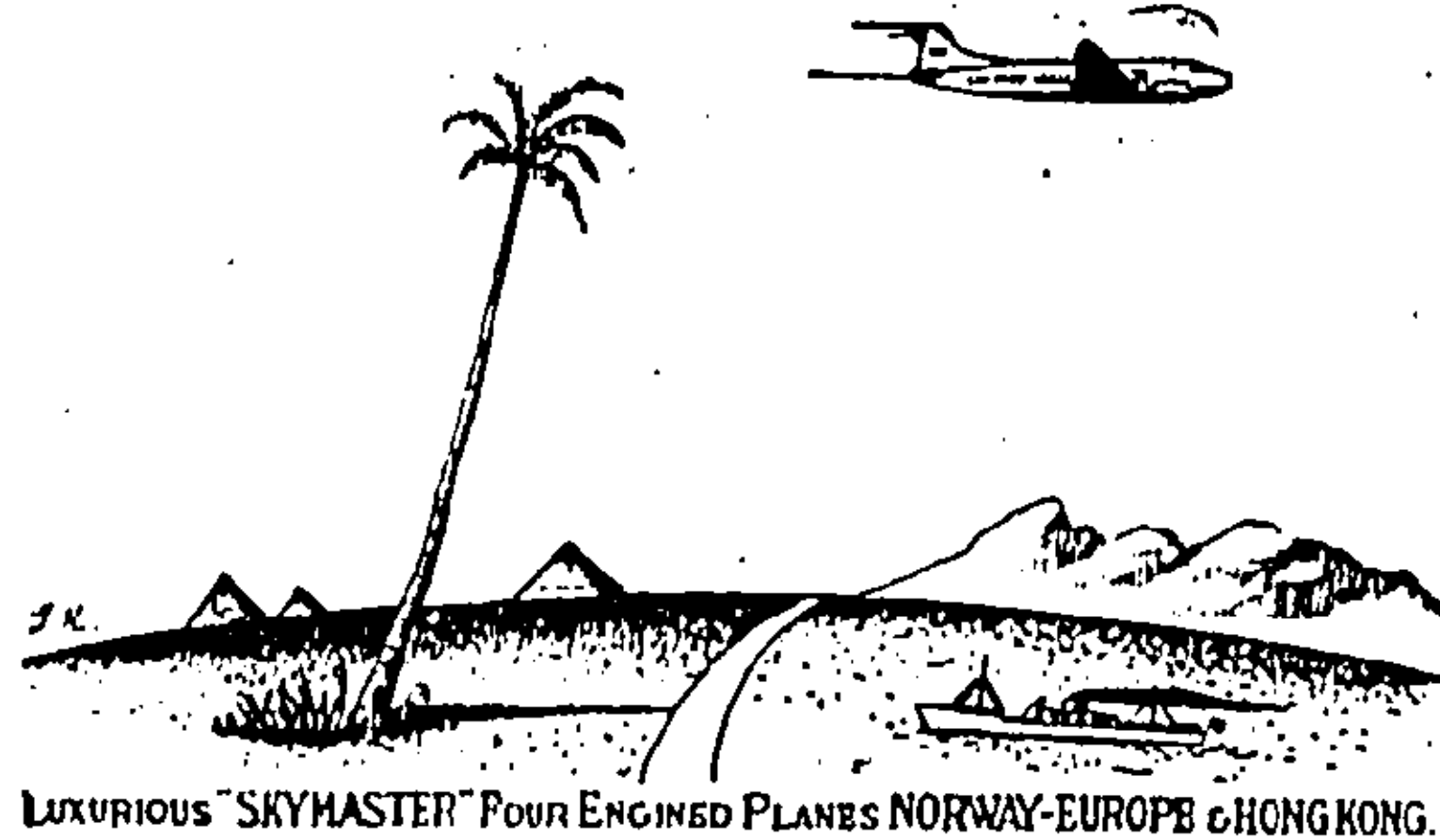
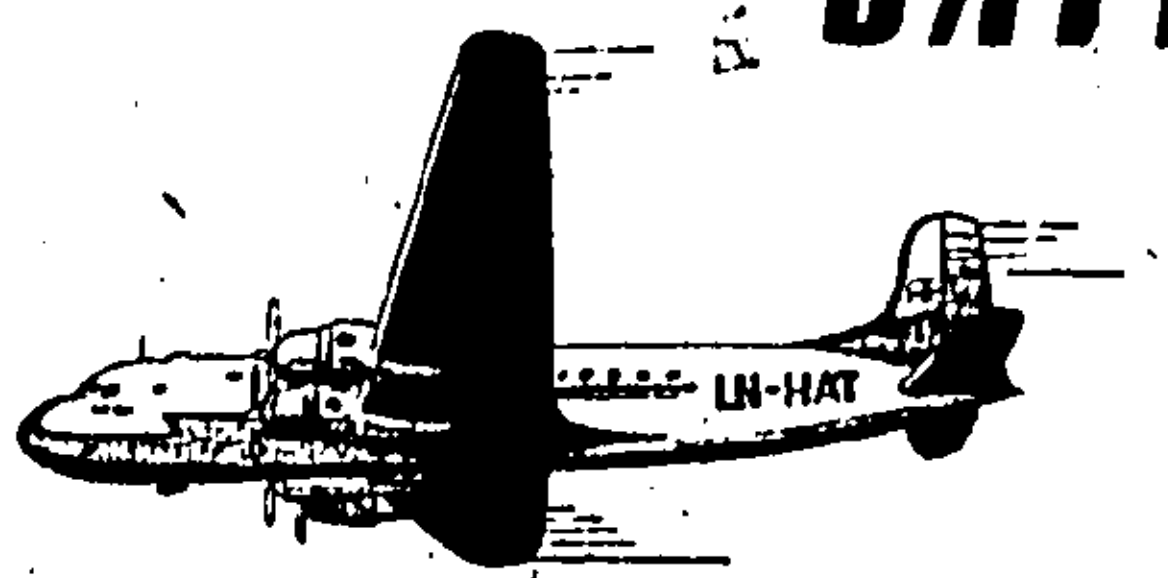
The Magistrate of Shu-kin-foo (reports the "Pekin Gazette") has memorialized the throne that all the Manchurian scholars in the Chinese Province shall be examined at the literary college, and such as he deems worthy scholars in the language he hopes that His Majesty will employ in the Government, in the capacity of Manchow Interpreters.

Teicheng, kneeling, most respectfully, represents to the throne that the provisions for the Capital having unfortunately fallen short, an average some 37,000 people, has urged and employed all his energy to make good the deficit, and, trusting to wind and tide, hopes that the vessels will reach Peking in safety.

The Meritorious Keying, former Governor of Canton, has been graciously allowed by the Emperor to write his name in the Imperial Temple, which is considered as the greatest honor which a Chinese potentate can bestow on any of his subjects.



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## SHARP JEW-ARAB CLASHES

### Illegal Immigrant Ship Seized Near Haifa

### The Turmoil In Palestine

Jerusalem, Dec. 23.

The two-masted Haganah schooner, "You Won't Frighten Us," carrying about 850 Jewish illegal immigrants—including about 150 children—and a naval boarding party quietly entered Haifa harbour today escorted by a tug.

British destroyers intercepted the ship yesterday about 105 miles south-west of Haifa.

First to disembark were three men and a woman, said to be newspaper correspondents. The police detained them. Jewish sources reported. A number of stretcher cases were taken to hospital.

The refugees, who came from Europe and included two babies born on board, were transhipped quietly to be taken to Cyprus. They had been at sea for about a fortnight and six days ago were battered by a storm.

In Jerusalem's walled old city this afternoon Jews, Arabs and the police were involved in a gun-battle with rifles and automatic weapons. It was not clear who

was doing the attacking. As the first burst of tommy-gun fire swept through the old city cafes and bazaars emptied and Arabs and Jews hurried for shelter.

### Christmas Present

London, Dec. 23.

Mrs. K. Howe of Colchester received today with her Christmas post a letter post-dated at Ipswich, 15 miles away in 1911, telling her of the birth of a niece now 36 years old.—Reuter.

was doing the attacking. As the first burst of tommy-gun fire swept through the old city cafes and bazaars emptied and Arabs and Jews hurried for shelter.

Mr. David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive and probable Prime Minister of the new Jewish state, escaped unhurt when a Jewish convoy in which he was travelling to Tel-Aviv from Jerusalem was shot up by Arabs halfway on the route, a Jewish source in Tel-Aviv stated today.

Arab snipers, hidden in prepared ambush positions on the Mount of Olives and Mount Ascension, opened fire today at the funeral of Robert Oliver Stern, a British-born Jew murdered in Jerusalem two nights ago.

The mourners threw themselves down or crouched behind tombstones as bullets whizzed over-

The General Assembly, which normally meets only once or twice yearly, would carry out the functions of a Jewish government until the Jewish state had been properly established—probably next October, he added.

Sprinkle firing and grenade throwing on the Tel-Aviv-Jaffa border were reported tonight by Jewish source in Tel-Aviv.

Jewish leaders meantime have urged Britain to step up Jewish immigration into Palestine immediately and to withdraw armed Arab formations from the area in the Holy Land—which will make up the new Jewish state.

Both official British and Jewish sources reported that the Colonial Secretary, Arthur Creech Jones, had promised governmental consideration.

A Jewish Agency spokesman said Mr. Creech Jones was asked to withdraw the Arab Legion and Trans-Jordan Frontier Force formations from the areas scheduled to become Jewish Palestine.

Recognise the existence of Jewish Settlement police and allow Jewish communities in the rural areas to protect themselves. Step up immigration into the Jewish areas of Palestine immediately from the present fixed quota of 1,500 monthly.

Facilitate the implementation of the United Nations decision to set up Arab and Jewish states in Palestine next year by closer co-operation with the Jewish local and national authorities.

The Jewish leaders charged that presence of armed Arab units in Jewish areas "provoked" the inhabitants.

Meanwhile, official British sources said: "It is almost certain that the 10,000 uncertified Jewish immigrants held in Cyprus camps will be allowed to enter Palestine legally on May 15 when Britain surrenders her mandate to the UN.—Reuter and Associated Press.

### Arabs At Crossroads

Baghdad, Dec. 23.

Sayid Jabur Salih, Prime Minister of Iraq, told the Iraqi Parliament today that the Arabs today were at the "crossroads".

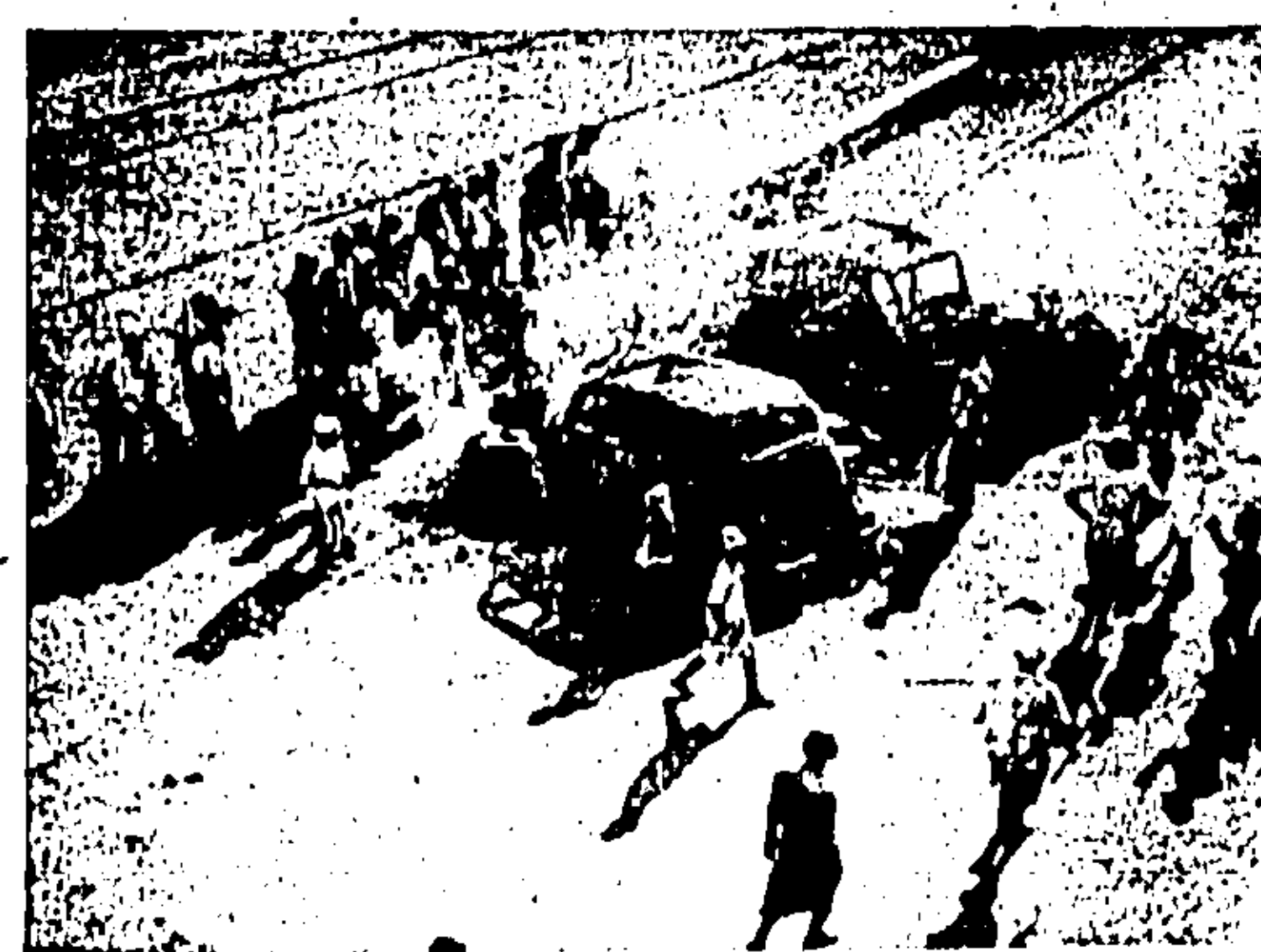
"Either we die or live—and we shall live," he said, adding: "Iraq as well as other member states of the Arab League is executing measures to prevent the establishment of a Zionist state in Palestine".

He declared that he was unable to disclose the decisions taken by the Arab League at their recent council meeting in Cairo. The Premier reported that Britain had protested or warned the Arab states about Palestine.—Reuter.

### CHURCH-A STATE ORGANISATION

Moscow, Dec. 23.

The Russian Church has for purposes of the recent rouble exchange been treated as a "State organisation" and has



Eighty Jews and Arabs were killed and many more injured in violent Arab demonstrations in Haifa over the U.N.O. decision to partition Palestine. Damage from arson and looting is estimated at £200,000. Rioters are seen setting cars on fire near the National Bank of India office. Order was eventually restored by the Royal Navy and Airborne troops. (AP photo).

### Wedemeyer At Odds With Marshall

Washington, Dec. 23.

The Evening Star in an editorial on the Chinese situation said that General Albert Wedemeyer's views seem considerably at odds with those of Secretary of State George Marshall.

### Arabs Correct An Error

London, Dec. 23.

A misinterpretation of a paragraph of the communiqué issued at the conclusion of the recent Cairo conference of the Arab League Council, which had been taken by some commentators to indicate a weakening of Arab opposition to the partition of Palestine, is condemned in a statement cabled today to the Arab Office in London by the Arab League Secretary-General, Rahman Azzam Pasha.

"The paragraph which has been so misconstrued," he stated, "was merely meant to emphasise Arab's resentment at the Assembly's ill-considered action. Arabs have never been more resolute in their determination to reject partition and the establishment of a Jewish National Home. They are unanimous in their decision to oppose it with all their might."

The paragraph in question stated that the Arab League disapproved of the way in which the frontiers of the future Arab and Jewish states in Palestine had been drawn and pointed out that they would be a perpetual source of friction and intrigue. Some observers concluded that this form of words indicated a weakening of Arab opposition to the principle of partition.—Reuter.

### SWISS-TREASON TRIAL

London, Dec. 23.

Nineteen people, found guilty of "attacks on the independence of the State and political treason", were sentenced to terms of imprisonment or penal servitude by the Swiss Federal Court today, the Swiss Radio reported.

Some of the defendants were also found guilty of betraying military secrets. Others were found to have joined the German armed forces including the Waffen S.S.

The sentences varied from short terms of imprisonment to 16 years penal servitude.—Reuter.

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### New Border Dispute Arises In India

Calcutta, Dec. 23.

The first border dispute between Eastern Pakistan and West Bengal was reported today to have arisen over the village of Char Sarandajour situated on the frontier between the districts of Murshidabad and Rajshahi.

The report said that some East Bengal police forces rushed from Calcutta. A Calcutta force was said to be two miles from the disputed village "awaiting orders". Officials of the East Pakistan Government reportedly informed West Bengal that they do not want to "confer over the issue" and suggested a conference of revenue officers concerned to settle the matter. West Bengal referred the problem to the India Dominion Government for decision.—United Press.

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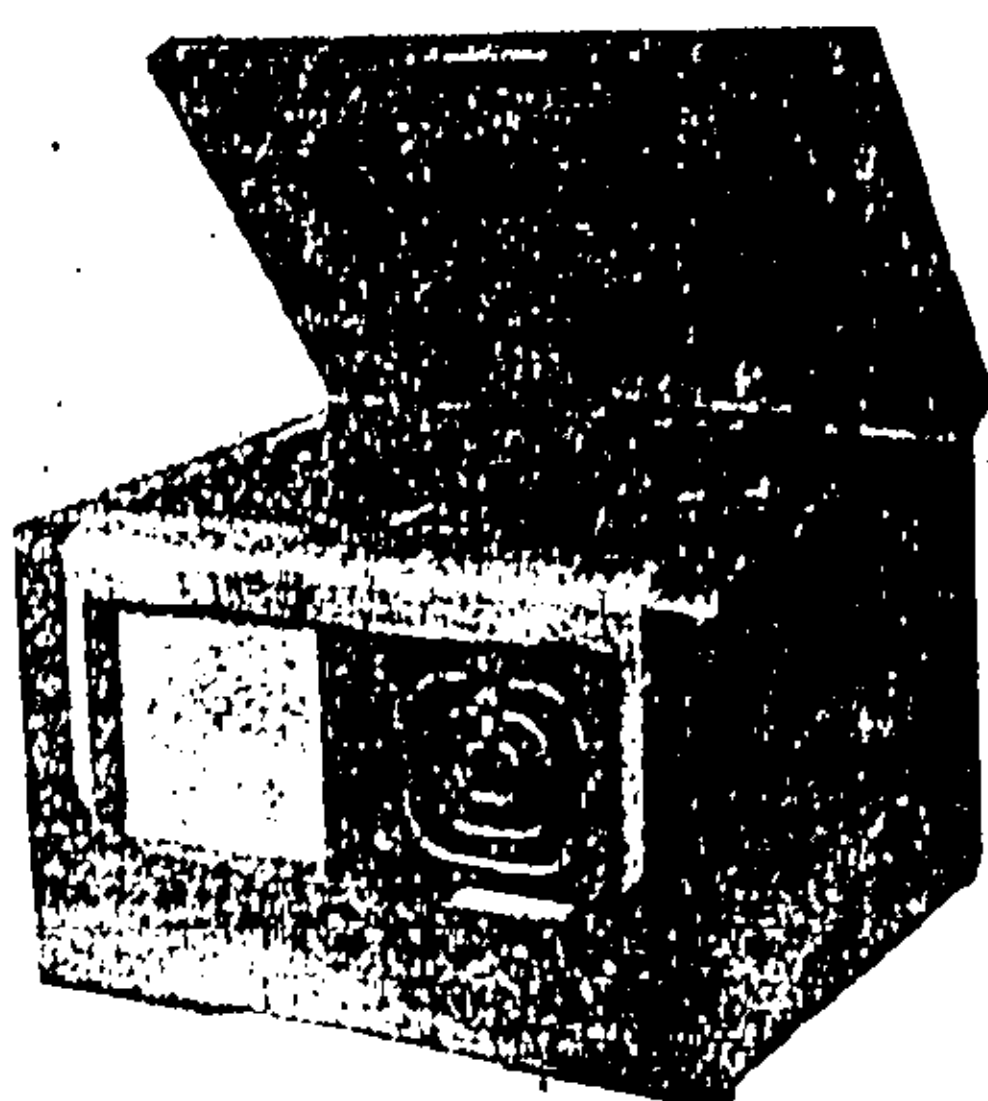
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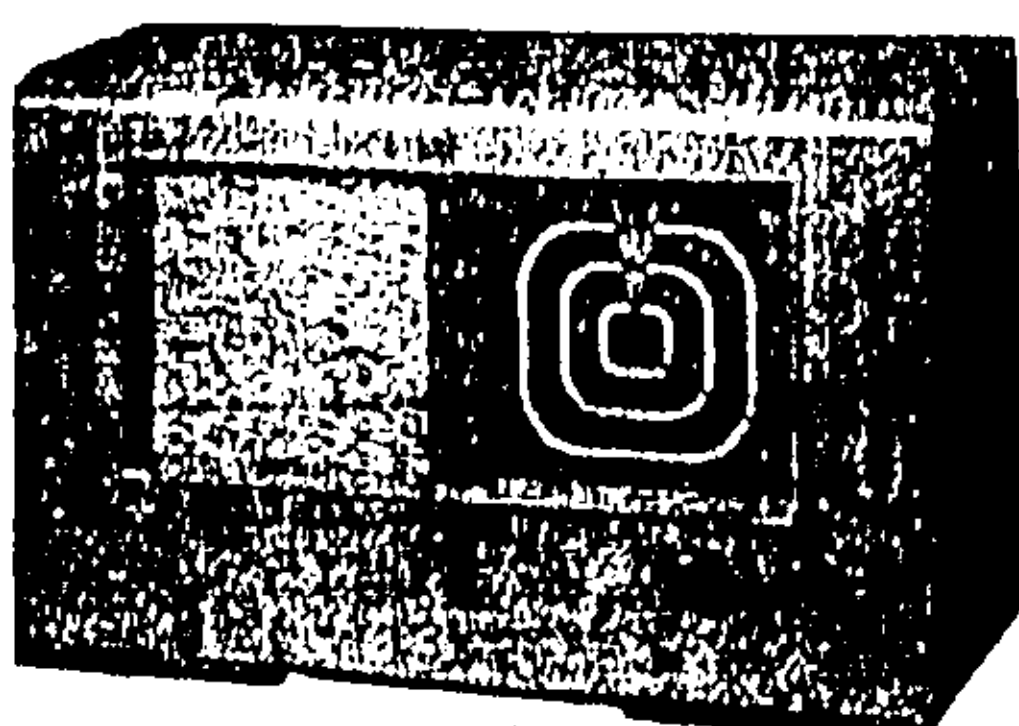
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# PANAMA REJECTS PACT United States To Withdraw From War Bases Ambassador Called To White House

Panama, Dec. 23.  
The National Assembly of the Panamanian Republic late last night refused to ratify the agreement signed on December 2, leasing 13 military bases in the territory of Panama, outside the Canal Zone—the five mile strip, on both sides of the Canal, which had been under United States administration since 1904.  
The resolution rejecting the agreement was passed unanimously as a crowded gallery cheered and sang the Panamanian national anthem.  
Shortly before, Senor Florencio Arosemena, the Foreign Minister, had resigned because of his Party's opposition to it.  
A Washington message says that the United States is to withdraw "as quickly as possible" all troops from 14 defence bases which the Panama Republic has refused to lease.

The United States will now base the defence of the Panama Canal on facilities inside the Canal Zone. The Department declared: "In accordance with oral agreements made to the course of negotiations, necessary steps will be taken immediately to evacuate all cities in the Republic of Panama outside the Canal Zone where United States armed forces are now stationed. This withdrawal will be completed as quickly as possible, consistent with the number of personnel and the amount of material involved."

The States Department explained that the United States considered these sites essential to an adequate defence of the Canal but did not want an agreement that was not acceptable to the Panamanian people.

"Failure to conclude an agreement will not, of course, affect normal friendly relationships between the two countries," the State Department said.

Earlier today, President Truman summoned his Ambassador to Panama, Brigadier General Frank Hines, to a White House conference as Congressmen claimed that "Communist inspiration" lay behind the Panama Parliament's refusal to approve a new agreement with the United States for the leasing of the 14 bases guarding the Canal.

Military officials stated that the rejection by the Republic of Panama is a potential threat to United States security—especially to its naval forces.

To face this threat, Mr. Albert Engel, Chairman of the House

## Potential Threat

Brigadier General Hines, after his conference with President Truman at the White House, said that he believed an agreement would be reached with Panama for the United States to maintain military bases there, despite the Panama Parliament's refusal to approve the new bases agreement. The Truman Administration recently recommended to Congress an expenditure of some \$2,500,000 on the project canal to turn it into a lockless seaway which would be immune from atom bombing.

## Nicaragua

Mr. Engel did not refer to Nicaragua by name but he claimed: "I am sure there are other countries in Central America that would be glad to give us defence bases, if we developed another canal."

The importance the United States attached to Panama's rejection was considered here to be shown by the speed with which President Truman acted in summoning Brigadier General Hines to his office.

It is considered in Washington that a diplomatic approach to the Panamanian Government has been made more difficult by the present presidential campaign in the Panamanian Republic, in which the leasing of the bases to the United States is a lively issue.—Reuter.

London, Dec. 22.  
Marseilles Harbour Radio today reported that the four-masted yacht Le Capitaine Guyomard (353 tons) was wrecked near the mouth of the Ebro River, off Spain, on her way from Oban to Marseilles. Two of the crew of 13 were reported drowned.—Reuter.

## Gandhi Wants A New Goat

New Delhi, Dec. 23.  
Mohandas K. Gandhi is in the market for a new goat to supply him an essential part of his diet—goat's milk.  
Mahatma, famed leader of the Mahatma for the past years, died at Wardha in the Central Provinces, a dispatch from there said today.—Associated Press.

## Inevitable Steps In Germany

BERLIN, DEC. 22.  
THE BRITISH MILITARY GOVERNOR, GENERAL SIR BRIAN ROBERTSON, TODAY SAID THE WESTERN POWERS WOULD "TAKE NO IRREVOCABLE STEP" IN GERMAN WHICH WOULD MAKE FUTURE AGREEMENTS WITH THE RUSSIANS IMPOSSIBLE.

In effect, he said that the United States and Britain would not establish a separate Western German state.

The Governor, however, parried questions of correspondents who tried to pin him to a flat yes or no on whether the split in Germany would eventually become a reality.

He told a press conference "certain steps" would be taken in the zonal area of Western Germany but declined to say what they would be. He added that these steps would "inevitably be forced upon us."—United Press.

## HARD TIMES

London, Dec. 23.  
The sum of £258, 16. 6. has been given so far to the House of Commons entering staff for the Christmas Fund, compared with £1,197, 6.0. last year.—Reuter.

## Forecast For Germany

## Soviet May Call Plebiscite

Berlin, Dec. 23.  
Political observers in Berlin declared today that the swift succession of rulings by Soviet military headquarters, which had resulted in the dismissal during the week-end of three leaders of the Christian Democrat Union, might soon be followed by "important political events."

One such development, it was suggested, might be a plebiscite by which Germans in the Soviet occupation zone could "determine their destiny"—such as was demanded on Saturday for the whole of Germany by the Permanent Committee of the "People's Congress," an organization created under the sponsorship of the Soviet-supported Socialist Unity Party.

Such a plebiscite, it was thought, might be called for if and when the Soviet occupation authorities took steps to revise their present relationship with the Western Allies in the Control Council and the Berlin Kommandatura.

The Christian Democrat leaders who were dismissed were the Chairman of the party, Dr. Jakob Kaiser, and Herr Ernst Lemmer, and the editor of the party newspaper Neue Zeit, Herr Wilhelm Gries.

## "Spontaneous"

Neither the party organization nor the party press are the same as before the Soviet moves.

While Berlin newspapers in the Western sector today carried streamer headlines reading "Kaiser and Lemmer eliminated," the party organ, Neue Zeit, now under Soviet control, did not mention the abrupt ending of Dr. Kaiser's party leadership.

Instead, it declared that provincial organizations of the party had severed relations with the zonal party directorate "until confidence could be restored." The official Soviet organ in Berlin, Tagesspiegel, said that the dismissal of Kaiser and Lemmer had been "spontaneous action from within the party."

## Everything

When told that his license had been cancelled, he asked the reason. The Soviet Press Office replied: "Everything," according to Tagesspiegel. The Soviet officials appointed a provisional new chief editor.

The Neue Zeit's circulation, which for Saturday had been cut by Soviet orders to 50,000 copies, was immediately restored to its former figure of 100,000.

Today's Sunday issue was prepared with the help of two Russian officers, Tagesspiegel reported. Dr. Kaiser declared today that he no longer regarded Neue Zeit as the mouthpiece of the party.—Reuter.

## Honours Go To Malaysians

London, Dec. 23.  
Men and women in Malaya, were honoured today by the King for bravery and valuable services during the war in a list of awards published in London today.

A medical officer in the Medical service of Malaya, Dr. William Archibald Dalhousie, has been made an officer of the Civil Division of the Order of the British Empire.

Three others have been made Members of the same order. They are Yeoh Bok Choon, Tutor in Surgery at the College of Medicine in Singapore, who performed valuable services at the Tan Tock-Seng Hospital during the Japanese occupation; Mrs. Nora Chown, a Briton, living in Perak, who is honoured for services to fellow internees in Malaya during enemy occupation; and Major Fred Harvey of the Suburban Army for services to fellow internees at Ayer Hitam camp on Penang Island.

A Singapore hospital assistant, Henry Edward Klyne, has been awarded the British Empire Medal (civil division) for services during military operations in Southeast Asia, prior to September 2, 1945.

The King's Recommendation for brave conduct during military operations in Southeast Asia during the same period has been awarded to M. Din Rahman, a Singapore small-holder.—Reuter.

## No Basis For Report

Washington, Dec. 23.  
A State Department spokesman said unofficially today he knows of no basis for Australian reports that a Japanese peace conference is expected to begin in April or May.

The Australian News Summary issued by the Australian Government Information Agency in New York said "the form the conference will take is still the subject of discussion among the nations concerned."

The State Department spokesman said preparatory work for the conference continues "but as far as I know the Russians and Chinese continue opposing the American proposal for the conference procedure, with no solution in sight."—Associated Press.

## Opium Petition

Singapore, Dec. 23.  
Nine hundred opium smokers have petitioned Sir Franklin Gimson, Governor of Singapore, requesting an opium ration for pre-war registered smokers.

They said that although opium smoking was illegal, the drug was still being smuggled into the country and being sold to smokers, yielding huge profits to the smugglers. The smokers became slaves to the drug before smoking was outlawed, the petition said, and now they were transgressors in the eyes of the law.—Reuter.



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—THE EPITAPH BALDWIN CHOSE FOR HIMSELF

## STANLEY BALDWIN

Yet in his day Baldwin towered among his contemporaries. He seemed to embody all the qualities—and in his burly form portray even the physical contours—of England. His bluff manner, and measured tones, his sober, rather old-fashioned clothes, his pipe, his tolerance and courtesy and fundamental decency were what his countrymen—and a large part of the civilised world—like to think of as being English, "English". He encouraged this impression. Whether or not he ever wrote those moving and majestic speeches on English (some say Dr. Tom Jones did), Baldwin effectively, and beautifully, pronounced them in his slow, sonorous tones.

The doubt, perhaps, arose because the man who looked so plodding and steady-going was one of the laziest characters in public life. That he could have written them is certain, for he was a scholar as well as a statesman, and a lover of the English country scene and the English language.

### Mystery Man

It is another part of the enigma of "plain Mister Baldwin" as the British public knew him for the generation between the wars, that he was by no means all-English.

A powerful strain of Scotch Highland blood coursed in him which helped him to understand Ramsay MacDonald. He also had enough of the Welsh in his veins to sum-up—and lay-off—Lloyd George.

"I am a simplot n," said Baldwin. He was really a very, very subtle man. He fought, and bent in turn, Lloyd George, Beaverbrook, and Churchill. Here were three of the shrewdest and most formidable confidants in British politics. They all underestimated "Simple Stanley." He meant them to.

This was how he had arrived in power, the thing for which Baldwin, with all his protestations, lusted as vigorously as any other serious politician.

As a well-liked but little-known Tory supporter of the Lloyd George Coalition Government, he had graduated from being Financial Secretary to the Secretary of the Board of Trade. Still holding that office, he had attended the dramatic meeting of the Tory rebels at the Carlton Club in 1922, when by a large majority the party resolved to quit the Government and break up the Coalition.

It was Baldwin's speech which was decisive. It was for the revolt. He said he feared Lloyd George too much, for this man's dynamic personality had already split the Liberal Party and might now shatter the Conservative Party.

### Unknown Man

Within a few hours Lloyd George had left 10 Downing Street, never to return. With him went such famous figures as Winston Churchill, Lord Brienhead, Sir Austen Chamberlain. Baldwin, the unknown man who had slain the giant with all his glory as the Man Who Won the War, became Chancellor of the Exchequer in the new Tory Government.

He did nothing spectacular. His settlement of the American Debt on too-onerous terms for us was disastrous; but it had not yet caught up with him when the Tory Premier, Bonar Law, resigned on the grounds of his failing health.

A terrific hubbub arose in the hive of the politicians. Who should succeed as Prime Minister? The long odds were on George Nathaniel, Marquess Curzon, a bet to which the noble lord himself subscribed. He took the train to London, to find that the King had sent for Baldwin. He had not even thought of him. He wept. "Not even a public figure, a man of no experience, and of the utmost insignificance."

So, for the second time, somebody had believed that Stanley Baldwin was a simplot n. It seemed, indeed, that perhaps he was when a few months later he plunged the country into a General Election on Tariff Reform. He lost it, and the first Socialist Government came in under MacDonald.

Baldwin was bitterly reviled, but he had heard that Lloyd George was on his way home from the United States and going to stomp the country in favour of Protection as the only means of combating the slump. Baldwin himself was convinced of this policy. Why let that "dynamic man" steal the Tories' clothes?

The Socialists did not last long, and soon Baldwin was back as Prime Minister with a tiny minority. It cannot be said that he did very much with his power.

His five-year rule was marked by five notable events: (i) The return to the Gold Standard, which placed the British export trade under overwhelming disabilities, thereby contributing to the attack on the pound; (ii) The General Strike, which directly arose out of these events; (iii) A great debate in the House of Commons on the Prayer Book; (iv) The steady decline of British agriculture; and (v) The steadily growing content of British air power to fifth in rank.

The General Strike. Baldwin's attitude towards the strike was a very thing which Stanley Bal-

win, himself once an Iron Industrialist in Worcestershire, sincerely wished to avert. He wanted to see restored the old, paternal industrialism of his forebears.

Once the strike had begun, the man who had drifted into it showed astonishing energy. His speeches rallied the forces of order and calmed the nation. They reassured that "other nation," too, the millions of workmen who had struck simply in sympathy with the miners. The strike was almost everywhere conducted with a moderation and good temper which astonished the world. In ten days it was all over.

Baldwin was the hero of the hour. He had prayed "Give us Peace in our time, O Lord." But when he had the chance to bind up the wounds he went to sleep again. "The snores of the Front Bench reverberate throughout the land," said Tory M.P. Moore Brabazon, a remark which kept him out of Tory Governments for the next 10 years.

At the 1929 General Election these snores, combined with the timid slogan "Safety First!" put the Government themselves out. It required another dose of Socialism in office to bring them back—in coalition with the chief architect of disaster, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald himself.

### Heroic Man

There followed three years in which MacDonald went through the motions of being Premier while Baldwin, in fact, dictated them. In this period unemployment was gradually reduced and Protection adopted as the national policy.

The years were clouded in increasingly by the rise of the menacing Nazi power in Germany. More clearly than most contemporaries Baldwin realised the inevitable end. "Our frontier is on the Rhine," he warned.

The Left in British politics agreed. But they did little that was effective to support the only answer—rearmament. This was the time when well-meaning processions marching to Trafalgar square with banners "Down with Hitler!" bumped into other well-meaning processions with banners "Scholarships, not battle-ships!"

The one politician with a plan to "down Hitler" with the only thing Hitler understood was Mr. Churchill. He showed, in one massive speech after another, how Hitler's power for mischief was outstripping every power for restraint. But year after year Baldwin resisted his pleas for faster rearmament, denied his fears.

Two explanations have been offered, and perhaps there is some truth in both. (1) Baldwin himself did not know the facts. He relied on "the experts" and (2) He did not choose to draw the only valid conclusions.

### The Menace

The first reason may be accounted for by his innate laziness. The second by his sense of what was possible in politics. When, later, he admitted that if he had gone all out on rearmament at the general election of 1935 he would have lost it, he was excused for his cynicism.

What he meant perhaps was that if Labour had come into

## Fishermen's Ordeal In Winter Seas

Prestwick, Dec. 23.

All 12 survivors of the Fleetwood trawler *Dhoo*, wrecked on the Icelandic coast on Dec. 12, with the loss of three lives, were brought back to Prestwick Airport from Reykjavik in a specially chartered plane today.

The 12 survivors of the *Dhoo* were protected from further exposure by forming a human ring to shelter them from the sleet and rubbing their limbs to maintain circulation. When daylight came, they were all rescued and taken to scattered farmhouses.—Reuter.

All through the long night the

The *Dhoo* survived three tides and it was not until Saturday in the short Arctic daylight, that Icelandic coastguards and farmers, who had gathered on the cliff-top during the night, were able to make the rescue with a breeches buoy.

When an attempt to get the men to the top of the cliff was frustrated as darkness fell and seven were stranded on the ledge, the Icelanders stripped and exchanged their clothing for the soaking garments of the fishermen.

Mr. Mark Hollinger, the American author and film producer, died here today from heart disease, aged 44.

Born and educated in New York, Mr. Hollinger wrote for the *New York Times* and the *Chicago Tribune* Syndicate, later becoming a columnist.

Among his scripts was that of the *Lost Paradise* picture, which also produced a number of other films.

He was married twice. His first wife was Mrs. Mary V. Hollinger, who was born in the South Pacific and India.—Reuter.

## "White Race Doomed"

Sydney, Dec. 23.

Archbishop Duhig of St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Cathedral said today that if the House of Lords decision on marriages remains in effect the "white race is doomed."

The Archbishop said the Lords decision handed down by Lord Jowitt that children were not the principle aim of marriage "completely rejected Christ's teaching."

He said it came at a time "when the coloured races are multiplying and threatening the future of the Empire."—United Press.

Europe. He gave no warning. He was out of the game now. His lips were sealed, as he had said in one of those bitter lutes over rearmament with Churchill.

They remained so. When the disasters of Norway and France laid bare the weaknesses of Britain's defences angry and recriminatory voices denounced the man who had been Premier in the preparatory years and "got out, just in time."

He never replied. He did not blame "the experts." He did not excuse himself. But though he pretended to the last that he did not mind what people said of him, and feared only his own conscience, Baldwin was deeply wounded.

Perhaps in his heart the old man hoped that he, who had twice risen from shameful neglect to supreme action to save the State, would once again be accorded the chance "to serve his generation."

Frank Owen

## Difficulties Of Aid To China

London, Dec. 23.

"The danger to the Chinese Government, if it sacrifices its country's jealously preserved sovereignty and the probable insistence by any foreign power on a strict supervision of further money and supplies, makes it 'peculiarly difficult for the Americans or anyone else to join in a Marshall Plan' for China," the *Liberal* weekly Economist said today.

The paper declared that "the approach against President Chiang Kai-shek for his alleged 'selling' of China to U.S. imperialism" make it politically very difficult for the American Government, however convinced it may be of the need for bolstering up the Chinese Government, to justify to Congress a large expenditure for China.

"Corruption and the maladministration of funds" made it difficult to ensure that any assistance to China will achieve the ends for which it was intended. The article compared the situation in China to the "cold war" between the Big Four Foreign Ministers and the recent "hot" one with Hitler, and concluded that the Chinese civil war was "topical."

The Communists were better at running away than at pitched battles and Government troops had had little success with their mopping up operations.

It suggested that one of the appeals of Communism in China was that it had taken from the Kuomintang some of its "old nationalist, anti-imperialist thunder"—a fact which makes it difficult for the Chinese Government to accept foreign aid with strings attached.

"China would rather forego the advantage to itself in a time of acute economic distress than to make a temporary retrocession on 'recovered' national rights,"—Reuter.

## PM ON CHINA

New York, Dec. 23.

The newspaper PM, in a dispatch from Washington, today interpreted Congressional developments regarding China as meaning that "despite the obvious reluctance of the State Department, the United States is being driven toward a policy of all-out help to Chiang Kai-shek."

"What has happened in the past two weeks is that by an extraordinary pressure campaign on the part of a few Congressional Republicans, Marshall is being forced into a China policy contrary to his own recommendations and the advice of many China experts in his department. 'A shift in policy—if Chiang Kai-shek's admirers have their way fully—means not only economic help to the Nationalist Government but also military help in every phase needed to crush the Chinese Communists.'—United Press.

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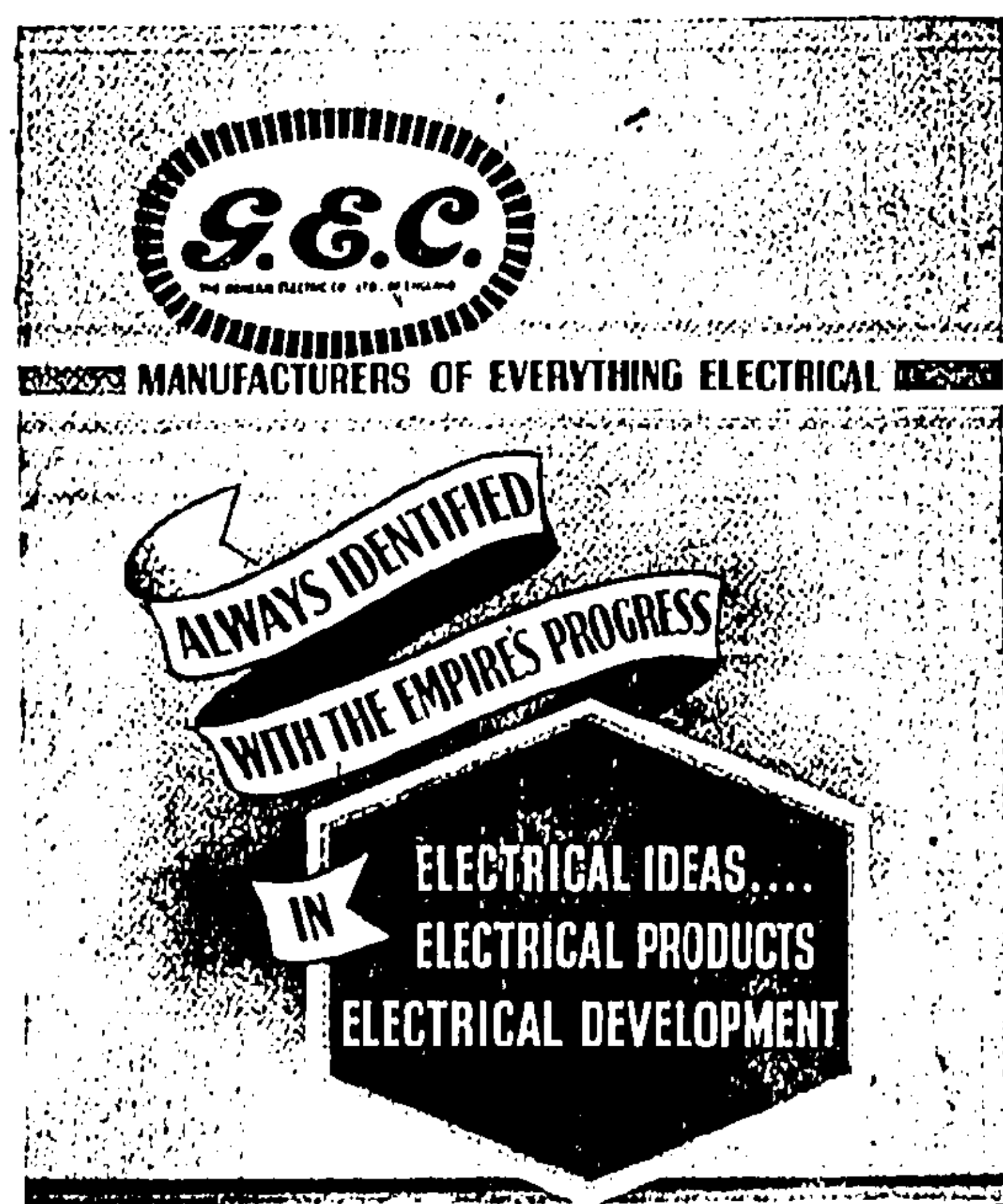
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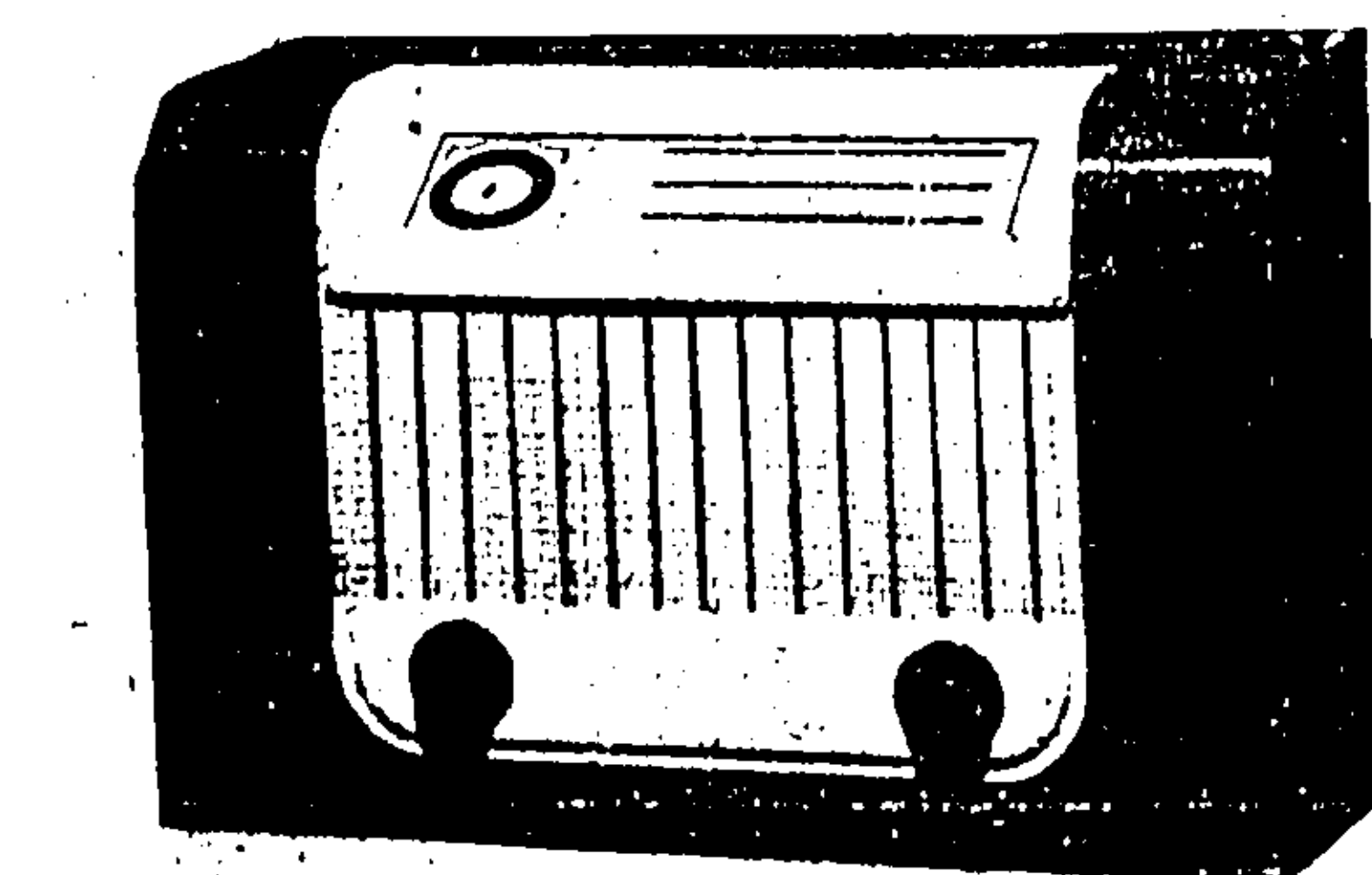
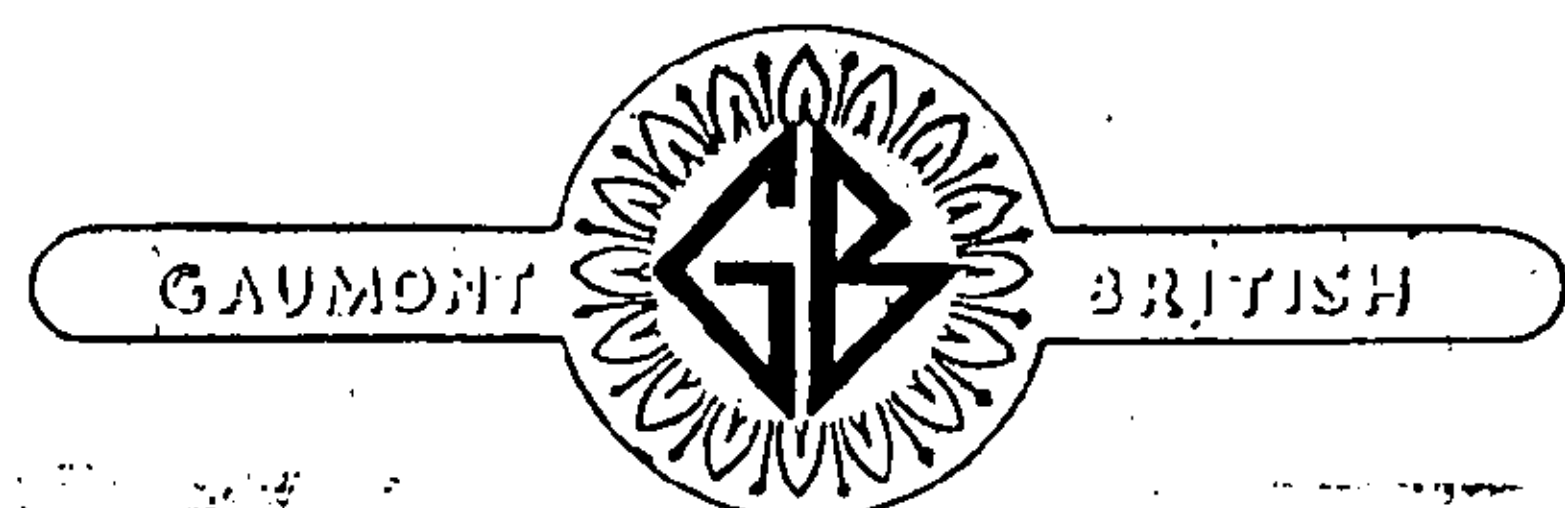


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# Fluorescent Lighting

## Cold Cathode Tubes

### "Bronco" A Realistic Toy Horse

A realistic toy which makes the ordinary rocking horse as out of date as a pre-war automobile, the "Bronco" was the result of a brainwave which came to Harry Sebel almost in a flash at the end of a long conference.

Before the war, the firm made architectural ironwork, while during the war it concentrated on gun-wheels, radar masts, tank parts and aircraft components, torpedo racks and sections for the famous "Mulberry Harbour." The staff had to be expanded enormously and when Sebel was trying to think of a way of keeping his employees on when the war ended, he thought of toys.

Toys seemed the quickest and safest way of securing stable employment for his workers, for a customer for toys is born nearly every minute! Then he hit on an idea that was to revolutionise the toy-making industry—a "galloping rocking horse."

He rapidly sketched a simple mechanism that would enable almost any animal toy to move at a speed of four miles an hour. A model was made up, and in taxidermist's shop in the Old Kent Road he found the body for it. A few days later, a full-size Zebra was walking about in his backyard. It is today a treasured museum piece.

Stuffed animal skins, however, proved impracticable. An artist designed the desired animal in clay and then made a plaster cast from his original. Eventually the moulds taken from these sculptures were reproduced by giant presses in sheet steel.

The result is the "Bronco"—a "horse" that looks the real thing in miniature, which gallops indefinitely, fast or slow, as the rider wishes. There is no complicated mechanism, no clockwork. Mounted sturdily on its own four legs it is safer than most rocking horses, and is ridden the same way as any ordinary horse.

Although it is the most spectacular, the "Bronco" is only part of the Sebel range of toys, none of which follow the stereotyped patterns, yet all of which have been time-tested and proved to more than live up to the claims made for them.

These toys, for which Davie Boag & Co. are local agents, include a rocker-swing, a merry-go-round, a multi-purpose chairdesk, and roller skates designed for the tiny beginner.

### Ingenious Logging Device On Bush Radios

An original logging device, named the "Telefile," is fitted to the new Bush all-wave radio receiver designed specially for the number-dial on an automatic telephone, the "Telefile" allows a number to any short-wave station desired and, once received, the tuning of that station in future becomes an easy matter. The set is designed to work on AC current or from a vibrator pack fed by a 6-volt car battery. The vibrator is plugged into the socket of the rectifying valve and fits conveniently inside the cabinet. The set itself works on wave-lengths between 13.5 metres and 560 metres (22 megacycles to 560 kilocycles).

As the set is designed for export, Bush were able to make it somewhat more colourful and ambitious than conditions allow for the home market. The cabinet is in tropical plywood, veneered with sapele, giving it a warm satin finish.

The moulded escutcheon and lower panel are in white plastic, providing a strong contrast to the dark wood-grain effect.

In view of the interest recently displayed in Cold Cathode Fluorescent Lighting in connection with the new Cotton Mills which are to be erected in Kowloon it would seem that a few words in describing this particular form of lighting would not be without some interest to the general and engineering public.

This particular form of lighting is by no means new to this Colony as an installation was carried out by the British General Electric Co. Ltd. in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel as long ago as 1938/39 and a very pleasing lighting effect was obtained. Some of this installation has now been transferred to the verandah of the dining room on the first floor and although originally installed in 1938/39 the tubes are still giving good service, bearing out the claim of the Manufacturers that the life of the tubes is 6,000 hours or more.

The advantages of light sources spread over large areas, of low surface brightness, warmth of tone, vitality and flexibility have been more and more appreciated during recent years, and this system of lighting offers all these advantages combined with an efficiency in terms of light output for current consumed that can only be described as remarkable.

For some time past advanced experimenters in the lighting field have realised that electric discharge tubes offered many of the advantages outlined above, but their low efficiency in comparison with capital cost and expense of maintenance ruled them out as a serious rival to incandescent lamp lighting.

Today, thanks to the work carried out at the Research Laboratories of the General Electric Co. of England at Wembley, all this has been altered and electric discharge tubes of high illumination efficiency, and an ever increasing variety of colours are available as a practical source for economic and effective lighting.

The secret of the development lies in the discovery and commercial perfecting of various types of fluorescent powders which, when affixed to a patent process on the inside of the tubes, takes the invisible and, from a lighting point of view, useless radiations of the electric discharge and converts them into visible light radiation of varying colours. By this process, with careful selection of fluorescent coatings, not only can a widely increased range of colours be provided, but the light, added by conversion of the invisible energy, is of an order to make the total output, or even three and even more times as great as it was originally.

Osram Cold Cathode Fluorescent Tubes depend for their remarkable efficiency on patent processes whereby the fluorescent powders are coated on the inside of the tubes and not fused into the actual glass wall. By this method full advantage is taken of the actual effects of the invisible rays which would otherwise be largely absorbed by the glass before reaching the fluorescent material.

Some of the many quantities of such lighting for decorative interior illumination are:

#### Decorative Effects

Anyone who has seen a rainbow is aware that white light can be split into bands of light of every colour. With electric discharge lighting the position is reversed, and, by blending lines of light of suitable colour, the decorative effect of the rainbow is retained with a resultant combined light quality approximately to white. By varying the percentage of different colours, pleasing warm tones can be obtained. In visible direct lighting installation lines of soft pastel shades enhance the beauty of the decorative surroundings. When placed behind glass or used for indirect lighting, various combined shades of agreeable tone can be obtained.

The low surface brightness of individual tubes allows them to be installed as visible light sources on walls or ceiling with knobs are black. The fabric in the loudspeaker opening is a white rayon plastic with vertical red lines, and is proof against damp and insects and impervious to light.

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(g) 2 White and 1 Pink. Resultant colour—a pleasing approximation to daylight. Very good on human faces and fabrics.

(h) 2 White and 1 Gold. Resultant colour—Near daylight. Particularly good on fabrics.

The latest development for industrial use is the introduction of daylight, warm white and intermediate white tubes, these have the same colour rendering of the relative Hot Cathode Tubes—i.e. the 4-ft. and 5-ft. Fluorescent tubes which are now in general use but the efficiency and life of the Cold Cathode Tubes are much higher.

The system of electric discharge tube lighting referred to will only operate off A.C. supplies.

The tubes are of the high tension type and it is therefore necessary to have suitable space available as near the tubes as possible to accommodate the requisite transformers. In the case of the industrial type of fittings the transformers and power factor correction condensers are housed in the actual fitting.

Tubes are normally manufactured in lengths not exceeding 8' 6" visible length with electrodes at each end, but where the tube is bent, longer runs may be supplied provided that the maximum overall length does not exceed 9' 6" one way by 2' 6" the other. Even in such cases, however, it is undesirable to exceed 11' 6" in a single length.

#### Dimming

Tubes can be dimmed by means of adjustable chokes, but unlike incandescent lamps, they cannot be dimmed right out. There comes a stage in dimming at which the discharge begins to flicker, and for this reason dimming can only be carried out to a point where approximately 25% of the initial light remains. For purposes of colour mixing in indirect lighting, this degree of dimming combined with 'on' and 'off' switches for each circuit, gives all the flexibility required.

#### Power Factor

The uncorrected power factor is in the order of 0.35 to 0.4 but requisite condensers are supplied with the tubes to bring this up to 0.85. The 8' 6" tube consumes approximately 70 watts, therefore a three tube unit would absorb the following:—3x70+30 watts loss in transformers=240 watts and would give an average lumen output life of 210x31=6,610 lumens or 766 lumens per foot of triple tube or 256 lumens per watt of single tube.

The Spanish authorities are of the opinion that the Madrid transport system should be modernised. As a result they have ordered 30 chassis for double-deck buses from a British firm, Guy Motors Company. The coachwork is to be supplied by Spanish manufacturers.

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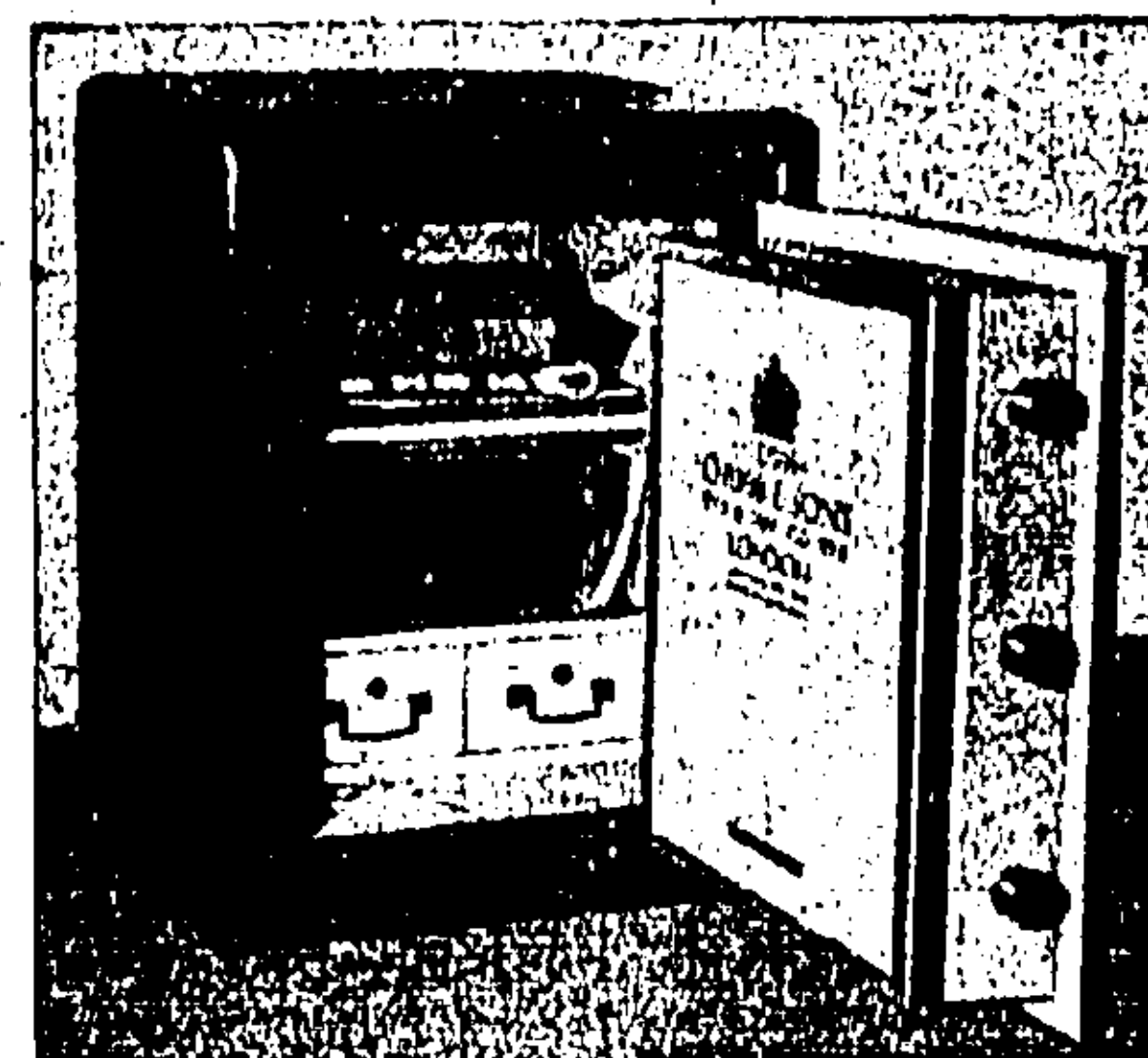
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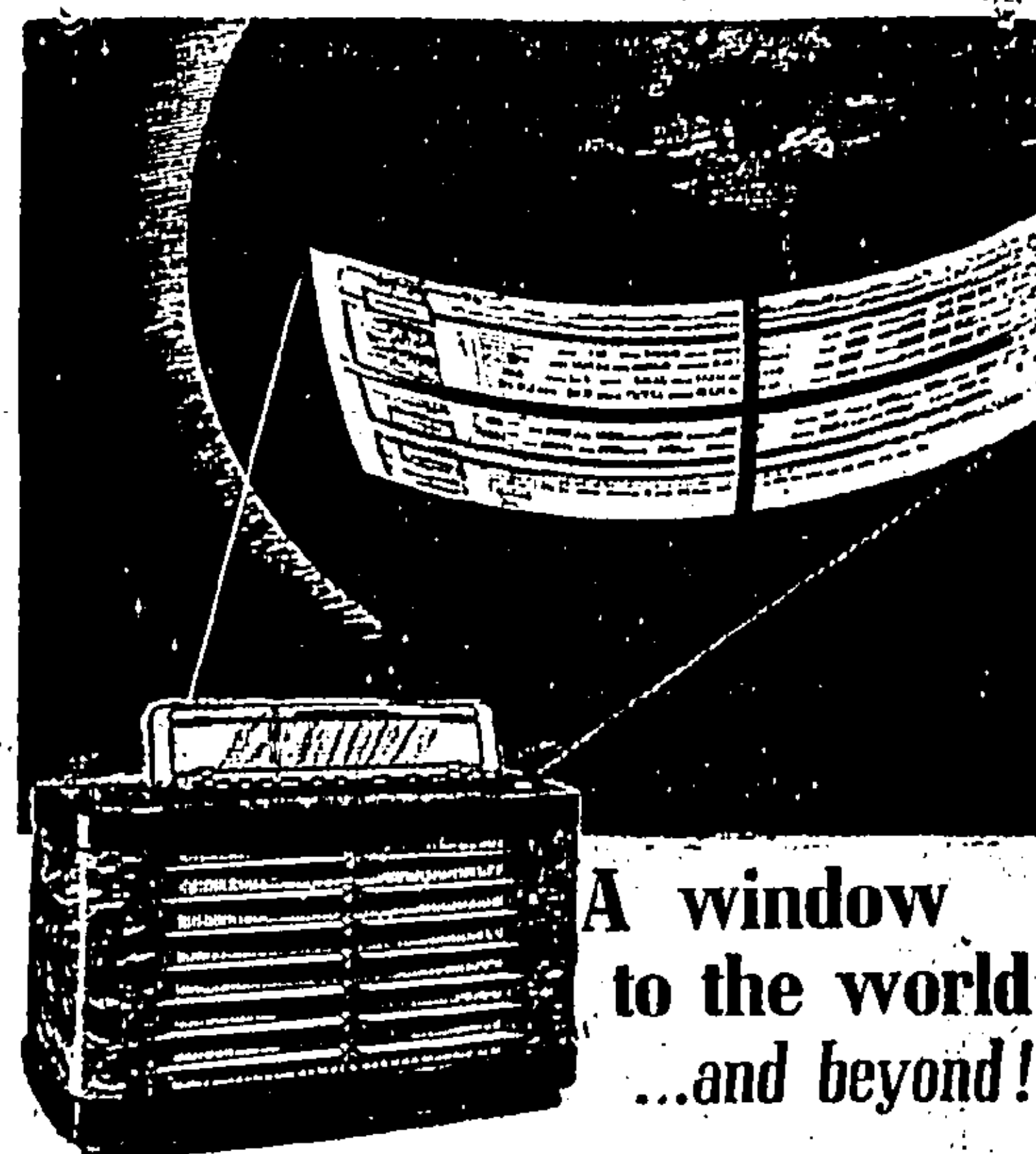
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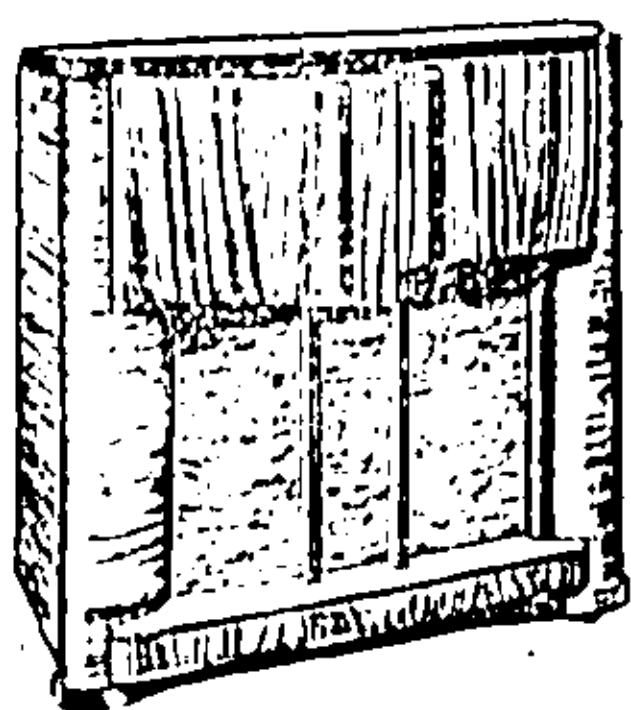
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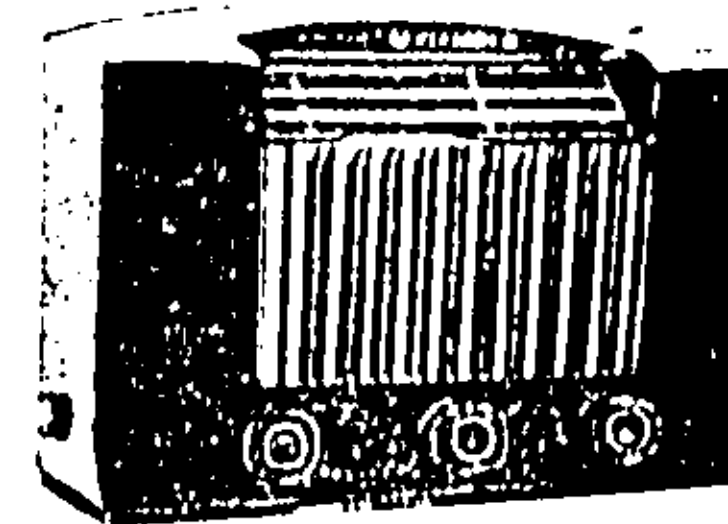
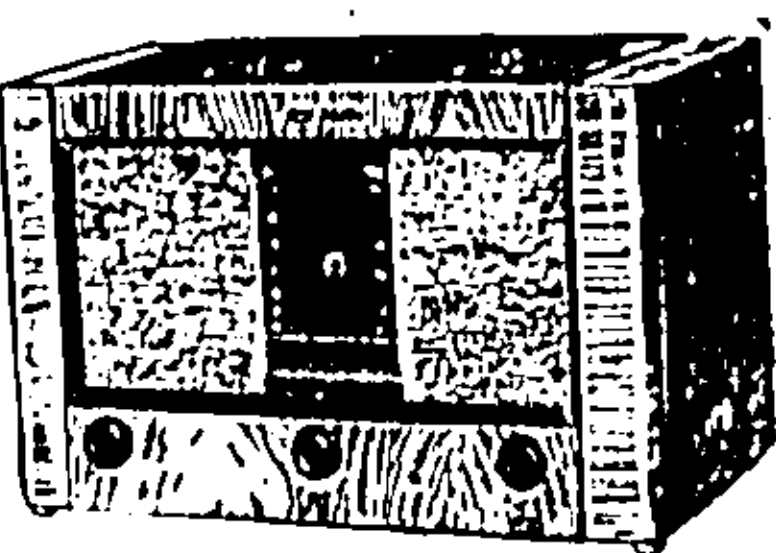


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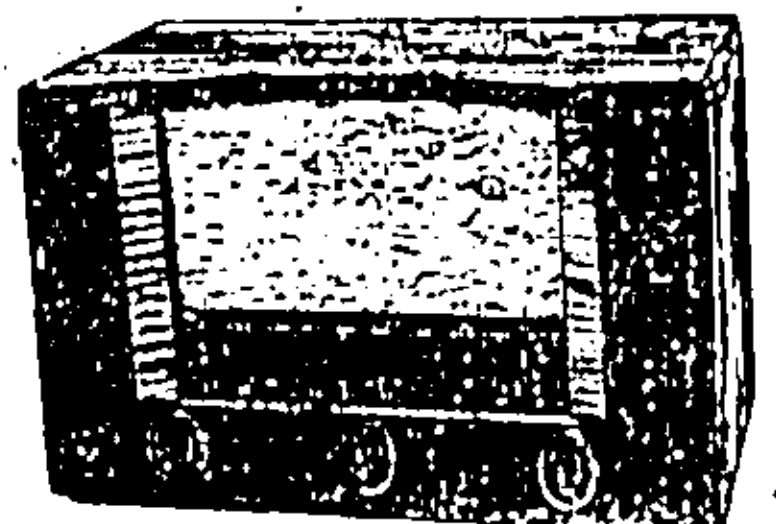


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# LIBYA THE NEXT PERIL? Warning By Independence Leader In London Palestine Held Up As Example

London, Dec. 23. Mr. Mahdi Bennouna, delegate of the North African independence movement to the United Nations, told a press conference in London today that Britain's passive policy towards Libya might result in a disaster equal to that of Palestine.

## Windjammer Arrives In London

LONDON, DEC. 23. A PICTURESQUE FOUR-MASTED BARQUE, HER ONE ACRE OF WHITE CANVASS GLEAMING MAJESTICALLY ABOVE THE MODERN VESSELS ABOUT HER, REACHED THE ENGLISH COAST TODAY AFTER AN 80-DAY CARGO VOYAGE OF 15,000 MILES FROM NEW ZEALAND.

Believed to be the only remaining windjammer in the ocean trade, the 3,200-ton Pamir is to be towed up the Thames to London where thousands of sail and camera enthusiasts will watch her dock and unload wool, tallow and 64 cases of clothing, gifts from Wellington for displaced persons.

The Pamir is fitted with radio, electric light and a refrigerator. She carried a crew of 39, including the Earl of Balfour's son, Viscount Trappin, who sailed as a deckhand. —Associated Press.

## Carpenter's Lapse

Li Kwong, 26, carpenter, was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour by Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon on Tuesday when he pleaded guilty to the larceny of a gold finger ring and \$550 in cash.

Det. Sub-Inspector J. R. Sykes said that defendant was employed by Mak Tak-keung (35) who had a shop at 76 Sai Yee Street. On Nov. 23 complainant went out leaving defendant in charge of the workshop. On his return, Mak found that a drawer in his desk had been forced open and that a ring, valued at \$25, and \$550 in cash had been stolen. Defendant had absconded.

Complainant reported to the Mong Kok Police Station but nothing further happened until Dec. 18, when accused returned for his clothes. He was detained by Mak and taken to the Police Station. There he admitted the theft. The ring, he said, had been sold and the proceeds, together with the \$550, spent.

## SWEDISH XMAS

Stockholm, Dec. 23. Swedes will celebrate this Christmas warmer, better-fed and better-dressed than in any year since the war. Rations of meat, bread, butter, coffee, tea, cocoa and so on are ample, but electricity has been rationed for the first time and this has made the traditional illuminations and decorations impossible. —United Press.

"A partition of Libya is beginning to be imminent", he said. "Britain is bearing a great responsibility with her do nothing attitude because her troops still occupy Libya. If this country is to be returned to Italy, it is Britain who will have to do it and hand over the administration to the Italians."

"To the Libyans, to us North Africans, and to the Arabs as a whole, Britain must say her word."

Mr. Bennouna said that the American attitude on Libya was affected by two factors: They had a natural pro-Italian feeling. The Truman doctrine and the Marshall plan to combat Communism in

## Off To Sandringham

London, Dec. 23. The King and Queen with other members of the Royal family left here by special train yesterday for their usual Christmas holiday at Sandringham, the Royal estate in Norfolk.

The King's message to the nation and Empire will be broadcast from there at 1500 GMT on Dec. 25. —Associated Press.

Europe are aimed at strengthening Italy—even at the expense of the Libyans.

Russia, too, was using the Libyan question for a double purpose. Russia opposed the return of African colonies to Italy so as to weaken that country and drive it into the Eastern bloc.

Russia also wanted to gain the sympathies of the colonized population by advocating their liberation.

Mr. Bennouna added that all the North African countries would do everything possible now and in the future to preserve Libya as an Arab country and to defend it against a partition or against any other kind of aggressive solution.

Tripoli, Cyrenaica and Fezzan could never be separated as they were the three complementary parts of one economic unity. The annihilation of one would make the existence of the others impossible. —Reuter.

## Indonesian Charges

Batavia, Dec. 23. The Indonesian Republic today said Dutch forces killed 300 civilians and wounded 200 others over a four-day period in the Kalawang area, 60 miles east of Batavia.

The Republican Information Ministry said in a statement that action referred to by the Dutch as "mopping up" occurred between Dec. 9 and 12.

The statement said the Dutch admitted such action in a communiqué referring to action taken against "roving bands in the Kalawang area." The Dutch communiqué had said, "These bands have now been rendered harmless." —United Press.



Colonel Nikolai Alexandrovich Filinov, leader of the Soviet Military Mission expelled from France, has a chat on the platform at the Gare d'Est, Paris, before boarding a Moscow-bound train. (AP Photo)

## Communist Organs' Latest Effort

London, Dec. 23. Nazis are being recruited in West Germany to fight in Greece, Turkey and Indonesia, the Communist organ, the Daily Worker, declared under big headlines on its front page today.

The paper also alleged that Nazi "thugs" are being recruited for South Africa, "where they will stiffen the ranks of the extreme reactionaries."

The American and British authorities in Germany, the paper said, "always refusing to put these people in gaol, are actively engaged in supplying them as gunmen to clients in those four areas."

"For Indonesia, the process is a simple one. The thugs are smuggled out of North Germany to a centre in Amsterdam and then dispatched to fight against the Indonesians."

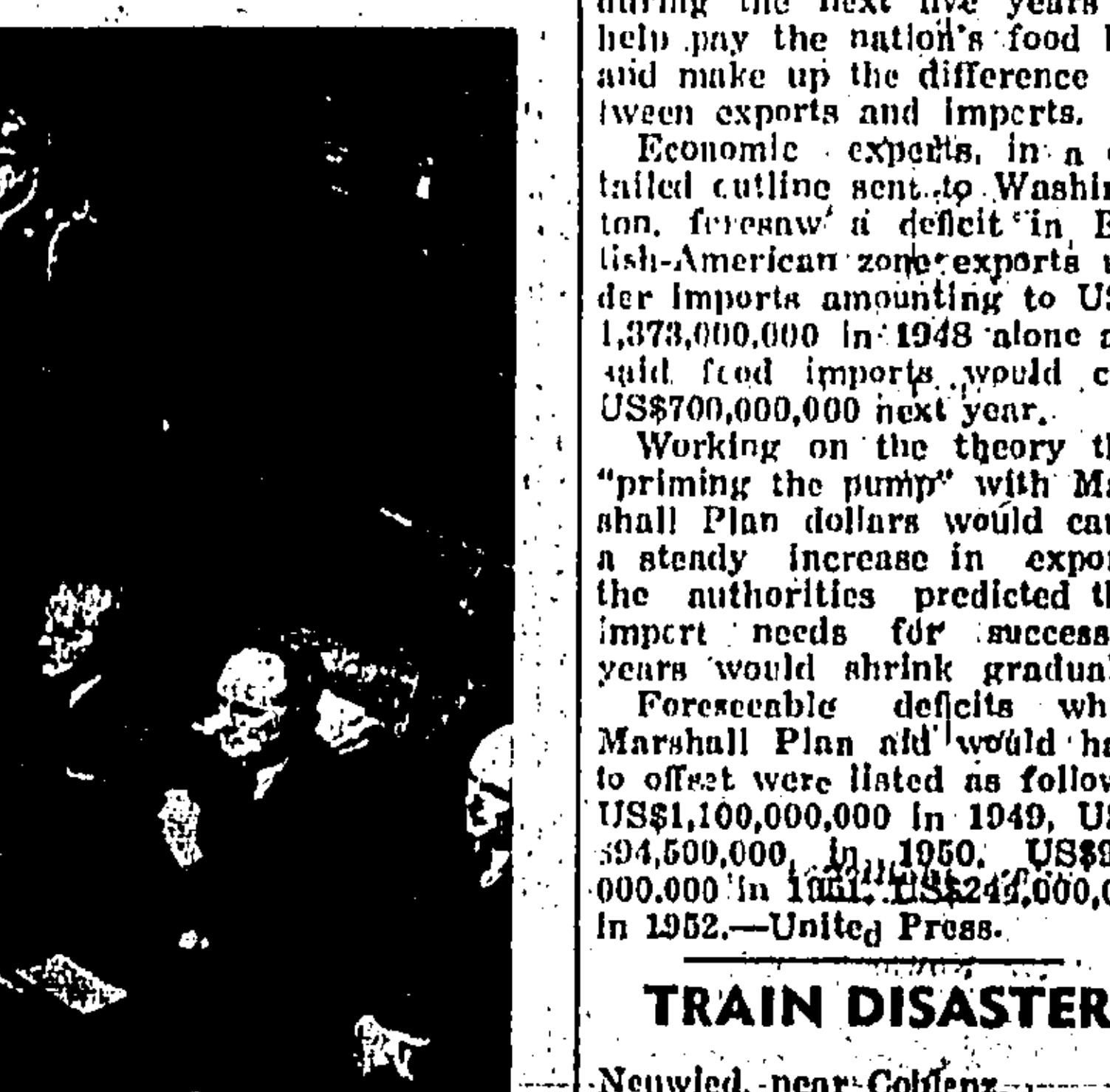
The Daily Worker said that a correspondent of the Soviet Communist Party organ, Pravda, "has investigated the recruiting stations" where the "thugs" are enrolled.

"A whole motorised division has been sent to Java, composed of ex-members of the Hitlerite armed forces."

"They are under the command of a certain Colonel Mueller, who was responsible for the massacre of a large number of Czechoslovak anti-Fascist students in 1945." —Reuter.

## MAY GO HOME

Singapore, Dec. 23. Former Premier Sutan Sjahrir of Indonesia, now Ambassador at large for the Republic, said today there is a possibility he may return home to participate personally in long-pending negotiations between the Netherlands and the Republic. —Associated Press.



The bodies of the dead of the train disaster at Koblenz, Germany, on Dec. 23. They were found after a military tribunal charged with war crimes which included mass murder. (AP Photo)

## Crowd Of Stowaways In Liner

Southampton, Dec. 23. A group of 32 stowaways, 31 young West Indians and a 15-year-old Welsh boy, from the Royal Mail Liner Almazora, landed when she reached here today from the West Indies.

The West Indians, who are thought to have got on board at Kingston, Jamaica, were discovered when the liner's 670 Service and civilian passengers landed today.

Most of the stowaways were in clothes but one or two wore Royal Air Force battle dress. They were taken to police headquarters and all will appear at the magistrate's court tomorrow.

The 15-year-old boy on board the Almazora, on a voyage from Southampton to the West Indies and back, was John Francis Chapman, of Newport, Monmouthshire.

At the suggestion of the ship's captain, the company decided not to prosecute John on account of his age. John left Southampton tonight with his father, who travelled from Newport to meet the ship. —Reuter.

## Germany's Aid Needs

Berlin, Dec. 23. The American and British Military Governments today said that Western Germany would need approximately US\$4,000,000,000 in Marshall Plan aid during the next five years to help pay the nation's food bill and make up the difference between exports and imports.

Economic experts, in a detailed outline sent to Washington, forecast a deficit in British-American zone exports under imports amounting to US\$1,373,000,000 in 1948 alone and said food imports would cost US\$700,000,000 next year.

Working on the theory that "priming the pump" with Marshall Plan dollars would cause a steady increase in exports, the authorities predicted that import needs for successive years would shrink gradually.

Foreseeable deficits which Marshall Plan aid would have to offset were listed as follows: US\$1,100,000,000 in 1949, US\$394,500,000 in 1950, US\$94,000,000 in 1951, US\$242,000,000 in 1952. —United Press.

## TRAIN DISASTER

Koblenz, near Cologne, Dec. 23. Official investigators late this afternoon put the death toll in last night's train accident here at 40 dead and 99 injured, with at least 60 per cent of the latter in serious condition. —United Press.

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From	Date	Vessel
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Los Angeles	20th Jan.	m.v. "ANDAMAN"
Los Angeles	Late Jan.	s.s. "DONA AURORA"

For	Date	Vessel
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# BRITAIN'S EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN STERLING

## London Stock Exchange

London, Dec. 23. The feature of today's stock market was the firmness of prices generally considering the small volume of trading, which took place. Among industrial, good spots were provided by motor shares on hopes of increases in steel allocations, which tobacco and textiles also encountered small investment support. Interest in gilt-edged section was negligible and this market failed to record any change of note on the day. Very much the same can be said for oil, whilst among mining sections changes were very few and far between.

Some selective buying, however, was noticeable in Kaffir but this had dried up by midday leaving this market quietly steady.

Commodity issues were also firm, particularly tea shares, which were again sought after in hopes of a price increase in producer of the price of this commodity.

Argentine rails hardened on anticipations that a special Argentine congress which tabled for this week-end will ratify the take-over agreement.

**SECURITIES:**  
British Consols, 1945/75, 100%, 105%  
Conversion Loan, 3 1/2%, 1951, 105%  
Funding Loan, 1954/70, 102%  
War Loan, 3 1/2%, 1952, 103%  
War Loan, 3 1/2%, 1952, 103%  
Victory Bonds, 4 1/2%, 104%

**INDUSTRIALS:**  
Associated Portland Cement Co., 72 1/2  
British American Tobacco Co., 63 1/2  
British Coal, 24 1/2  
Carron Ltd., 2 1/2  
J. & P. Co., 11 1/2  
Courtauld, 45 1/2  
Distillers Co., 31 1/2  
Dunlop Rubber Co., 10 1/2  
Imperial Chemical Industries, 78 1/2  
Imperial Tobacco Co. (of G.B. & Ireland), 5 1/2

**BANKS:**  
Chartered Bank of I.A. & C., 11 1/2  
H.K. & Shanghai Banking Corp., 21 1/2  
Mercantile Bank of India, 21 1/2

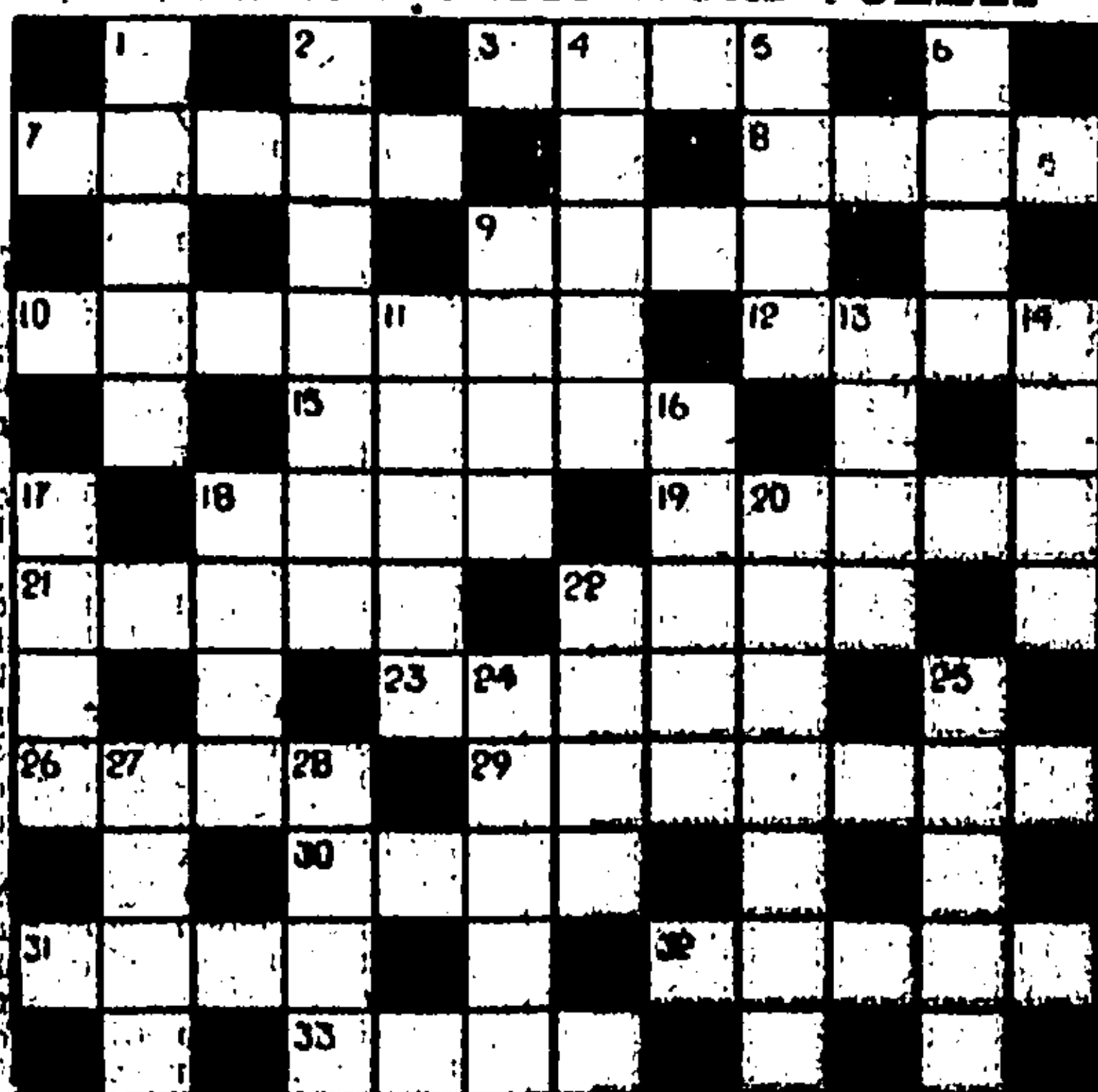
**MINING SHARES:**  
Consolidated Mines of S. America, 70 1/2  
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Indian Copper Corporation, 6 1/2  
New Union Goldfields, 7 1/2  
Orange Free State Trust, 50 1/2  
West Rand Investment Trust, 34 1/2  
Free State Development, 13 1/2  
Rousseland, 13 1/2  
Coca Main Reef, 41 1/2  
Saint Helena, 62 1/2  
De la Rue, 50 1/2  
SAB, Breweries, 11 1/2  
West Driefontein, 10 1/2  
Lynenburg Estates, 25 1/2  
South African Townships, 22 1/2  
Selous Trust, 6 1/2  
South African Turbines, 6 1/2  
Welkom, 6 1/2  
Tobacco Securities Trust, 2 1/2  
Grosvont Mining, 10 1/2

**Other:**  
Grosvont Mining, 10 1/2

## JAPANESE WAGE INCREASE

Tokyo, Dec. 23. The Premier's Office announced today that wages, both manual and white-collared, in October had increased more than three times the average received three months ago. Manual workers received an average of 3,757 yen and white-collared workers 5,172 yen in October. (United Press.)

## A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



### Clues Across

1. Feeble.
2. Special aptitude.
3. Chalice.
4. Monitor.
5. Summary.
6. Complicity.
7. Assets.
8. Related.
9. Country house.
10. Refuge.
11. Pick.
12. Pass.
13. Lifeline.
14. Snapper.
15. Meditate.
16. Sand.
17. Measure of length.

### Clues Down

1. Blank.
2. Error.
3. Keen.
4. Stronghold.
5. Luminous circle.
6. High.
7. Libs.
8. Sheep.
9. Solitary.
10. Strike.
11. Converse.
12. Greedy.
13. Warded off.
14. Combine.
15. Vessel.
16. Self.
17. Responsibility.
18. Carry out order.

## Yesterday's Crossword

Across—1. Decaying, 7. Box, 9. Began, 10. Basil, 11. Gaps, 12. Revolution, 13. Note, 14. Puts, 15. Front, 16. 22. Lira, 24. Dates, 25. Rises, 26. Also, 27. Mower.

## Downs—

2. Began, 3. Animal, 4. Pump, 5. Dingy, 6. Lira, 7. Began, 8. Spies, 9. Reptile, 10. Operator, 11. Spran, 12. Amuse, 13. 20. Nerve, 14. Native, 15. Lira.

Britain is reshaping her international trade and financial agreements—for the second time within a year—in an effort to strengthen the Pound Sterling as the world's most desirable currency next to dollars.

The collapse of dollar convertibility last August pulled the props from the earlier financial edifice.

Convertible agreements with other nations had been shaped to permit the exchange of Sterling among these other countries with the backing of its eventual convertibility for dollars.

Thus the confidence in dollars, which were backed by surplus food and machinery production, would have been transferred in some measure to Sterling.

The new plan has launched Sterling out into the world to make its own way—with two "made in Britain" supports. One is the negotiation of trade agreements that amount almost to bilateral barter. The other is financial agreements under which some countries agreed to virtual holding of limited cash balances without demanding gold or dollars for them.

## Ultimate Reality

Some of these new agreements are already completed, others are being negotiated and still others are scheduled for negotiations early in the new year.

The whole programme, as related by Treasury and Bank of England, revolves around the ultimate economic reality in a world of shortages; that the value of any country's currency is closely related to its production of goods.

Increased British production of such items as coal and industrial machinery is putting a gradually more solid foundation under the Pound, and making trade agreements easier to negotiate.

An example is the Russo-British agreement, established "in principle" but not yet signed. The negotiations, leading to exchange of Russian grain and timber for British machinery and electrical goods, twice previously broke down because the British could not promise delivery of the goods. They still refuse Government guarantees, but emphasize that prospects of delivery now are much better.

## The Pattern

This pact, however, does not involve kindred financial negotiations for it is designed to work out at an eventual even exchange.

The "pattern agreement" for the new series of financial pacts was made with Belgium this autumn.

Britain and Belgium agreed to hold up to £12,000,000 worth of each other's currency which either might obtain in the swing of trade. Their trade involves mainly the exchange of British iron and steel manufactures for Belgian flax.

After either one has that amount they agreed to discuss possibilities of converting it into other currencies—but there is no automatic conversion.

Holland has similar agreement with a £10,000,000 balance ceiling. The ceiling is about reached—Associated Press.

## Good Progress

London, Dec. 23. The Treasury tonight reported "good progress" in the financial and trade talks and discussions on now arrangements to be made between the sterling area and the Dutch monetary area for 1948.

The talks have been going on for the past 10 days between Netherlands and British Government representatives. "There is every possibility that trade be-

London, Dec. 23.

between the two monetary areas will show an increase in the next 12 months", the announcement added.

The two delegations have adjourned to resume their discussions after Christmas—Reuter.

## H.K. Stock Exchange

The short week's trading has not caused the market to get into its real stride. The small amount of business done has been almost entirely on buyers' prices, and these have been on a descending scale.

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Stores & Dairy Farms 5 1/2, X. Rts. 2s, Watsons 6 1/2, Lane, Crawford 6 1/2, Sincere 5 1/2, 6 1/2; China Emporium 13s; Sun Co. Ltd. 5 1/2; Kwong Sang 10s; Hong 20s; Wing On (H.K.) 140s; Wm. Powell, Ltd. 14 1/2.

Miscellaneous: China Entertainment 37s; H.K. Constructions (Old) 4 1/2, (New) 5s; Vibro Pillar 5 1/2; H.K. Investments 15 1/2; H.K. (H.K.) 1 1/2; Collins: Ewa 12 1/2.

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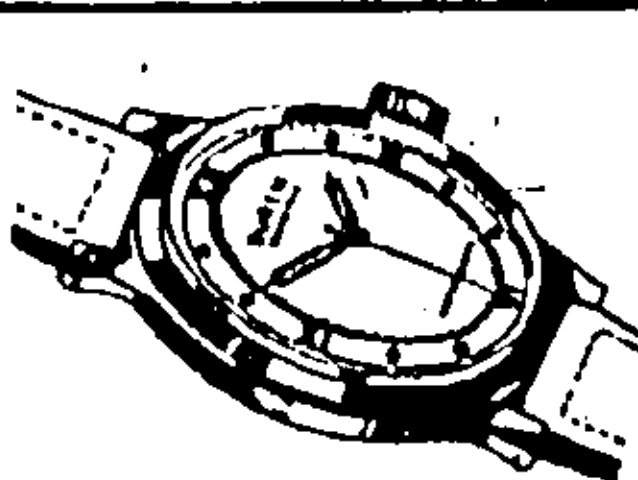
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## NEEDLE GAMES FEATURED IN SOFTBALL

### Quadrangular Rugger Games

### Saints To Grapple With Canucks

Chief interest in Saturday's Quadrangular Rugger games will be focussed on the first meeting of the Club and the Army on the Club Ground at 4.15. The Club have so far won both their matches, whereas the Army were beaten by the Navy last weekend.

The Club, however, are not a convincing combination at the moment and the Army backs have the makings of a very dangerous combination who may well give the Club defence a severe headache, especially on the larger Club ground, where their speedy wings should show to every advantage. Club as usual should have an advantage forward, though they will not be at full strength, Fawcett still being on the injured list and Small and Brown having moved to the three-quarter line.

If the Army, as they well may, can win, they will level up with the Club with two wins each and, probably, the Navy also, who, on an even form, should easily dispose of the R.A.F. and Police in the other game at 4.15.

The present positions are as follows:

Club	P.	W.	L.	Pts.	Pts. for next
Club	2	2	0	27	9
Navy	2	1	1	17	14
Army	2	1	1	9	11
R.A.F. & Police	2	0	2	3	22

The Rugby Football fixtures for Saturday on the Club ground are: R.A.F. & Police v. Navy, 4.15; Club v. Army, 4.15.

Needle games in both the Men's "A" Division and Ladies Loop feature the programme for this week-end, as the Saints grapple with the Canadians at 11.15 a.m. on Sunday at the C.B.A. Ground, while the Wahooks cross bats with the Wildcats at 2.30 in a game which all keen ball-fans have been waiting for.

The Madcaps come up against their last hurdle in the senior loop when they meet a much reinforced Filipino contingent at 9.30 a.m. The Ramblings Rees take on the South China outfit on their own Diamond at King's Park. Ever since the Saints were downed by the Rees on the Opening Day, they have settled down to serious business and have enjoyed a winning streak of four games, and the reason they have not figured prominently in the batting race is that they have been content to utilise their substitutes in most games, saving their hits for a rainy day. The Day having come, Stan Leonard will field his strongest nine, featuring his famous "murderer's row" of Dave "El Bambino" Leonard, Stan himself and Jindoo "Muscle" Hussain. The Day did not earn his sobriquet on good looks and proved that his swing is still dangerous as he smacked the apple right out of the park recently for the longest hit this season. Stan Leonard is batting currently 455 and if he fails there will still be Jindoo Hussain.

### HOME RUGBY

London, Dec. 23.

England's rugby union team, continuing their new international tour to oppose Australia at Twickenham on January 3, was announced today as follows: S. Newman, (Oxford University); R. Guest, (Waterloo); N. Bennett (United Services); E. Scott (Heathcote); D. Swanwick (Oxford University); N. Hall (Hoslyn Park); R. Madge (Exeter); G. Gibbs (Bristol); J. Keeling (Guy's Hospital); H. Walker (Coventry); J. Mycock (Sale); S. Perry (Cambridge University); M. Steele-Bodger (Edinburgh University); D. Vaughan (Dorset); B. Travers (Oxford University).

The three players to gain full caps for the first time are: Keeling (hooker), Madge (scrum-half), and Vaughan.

Newman is a South African and Travers an Australian.—Reuter.

### Giant Killer

Everybody loves to be a giant-killer, and Canuck Chief Bill Woo is no exception, for he has sworn to humble the mighty Saints—even if he won't beat anybody else. The Canucks played a swell brand of ball last week and it was only after fifteen gruelling innings that the Rees managed to beat them. They may, or may not, be able to do it, but we leave it to you to judge from the line-ups:

SAINTS	P	Wahooks	W	Canadians	P
Jack Brown	11	Hal Winglee	11	Kana Maselin	11
Stan Leonard	11	Art Orosi	21	Luffy Baker	11
Donny Omar	21	Donny Omar	21	Tarzan Ismail	21
Steve Leonard	21	Steve Leonard	21	George White	21
Jindoo Hussain	21	Bill Woo	21	George Lee	21
Sherry Buck	21	Sherry Buck	21	Luke Dunn	21
Billie Abbot	21	Billie Abbot	21	Don Robbins	21

The Untamed Felines will go all out to spoil the spotless record of the Green Owls. These two

## Chelsea v. Portsmouth



In the Portsmouth goalmouth during Chelsea v Portsmouth Football. Ernie Butler, the Portsmouth goalkeeper, dives full length to steer a shot by Tommy Walker, inside left for Chelsea, round the post, during the match between Chelsea and Portsmouth at Stamford Bridge, London, this afternoon, December 13. Score Chelsea 1, Portsmouth 0.—AP Photo.

## GREEK CORRESPONDENT ON THE WAY OUT

New York, Dec. 23.

Deportation proceedings were started today by the United States Department of Justice against a Greek correspondent accredited to the United Nations, who, the Department of Justice maintains, is a member of an organization advocating the overthrow of the United States Government.

The correspondent, M. Nicholas Kyriazides, has refused to answer questions put to him by an Immigration Service examiner.

"I will not answer," M. Kyriazides kept repeating as the examiner sought to learn his relationship with three Greek newspapers.

The proceedings were opened despite previous indications of a postponement while the United States officials weighed the possibility that the action violated an agreement with the United Nations.

Mr. Isadore Englander, attorney for M. Kyriazides, challenged the jurisdiction of the hearing authorities in his opening remarks, asserting that under Federal law the only issue was whether the Greek correspondent is duly accredited to the United Nations and that the other questions were improper.

"There are very important considerations in this case, not only for this man, but for the press and correspondents all over the world," he declared.

The presiding inspector ruled that the hearing would determine if the Department of Justice had jurisdiction and if there was sufficient basis for a warrant against M. Kyriazides.

The examiner, who sought unsuccessfully to learn if two of the papers M. Kyriazides represented were Communist, adjourned the hearing until later today.

**Going Ahead**

The State Department in Washington said today that the United States was going ahead with deportation proceedings against M. Kyriazides in spite of a "re-

## U.S. REPORTS DETAILS OF PERSIA PACT

### Military Experts Of Other Powers Barred

New York, Dec. 23.

The United States, acting under its "open diplomatic policy," has reported to the United Nations the details of a pact signed with Persia at Teheran in October, under which a United States military mission will assist in "enhancing the efficiency of the Persian Army."

The pact includes a clause which prevents military experts of other powers from dealing with Persian Army affairs without the consent of the United States.

The agreement is effective from October 6, 1947, to March 20, 1949.

The Persian Government has the right to extend the agreement if it wishes and it can be terminated by either Government at any time on a written notice that the Government considers it necessary due to domestic disturbances or foreign hostility.

The duties of the United States mission will be to advise and assist the Persian Ministry of War and the subordinate sections of the Persian General Staff on organization administrative principles and training methods.

Advice on tactical and strategic plans or operations against a foreign enemy are excluded from the mission's tasks.

The pact also provides that mission members will be paid by Persia in American currency and not be taxed by Persia. The Persian Government will also pay part of the living expenses of the mission and one-third of its transport costs.

State Department official said tonight that the pact merely continued an arrangement in force since 1942. This was the first time this agreement between the two countries had been brought under the official notice of the United Nations because this was the first time it had been renewed since the United Nations were established. The terms of the agreement had not been changed in any material way and it was not contemplated that American personnel in Persia would now be strengthened.—Reuter.

## FANLING GOLF FIXTURES

Fanling starting times: Old Course:—

THURSDAY:  
9.40 W. N. A. Smalley—J. Linaker.

FRIDAY:  
9.40 A. E. Lissman—D. S. Robb; 9.44 W. H. Lydall—P. S. Ingham; 9.48 G. E. Marden—S. C. Riggs; 9.52 J. L. Marden—Another; 9.56 W. M. Simmons—J. S. Dunnett; 10.00 G. O. W. Stewart—R. P. Moodie.

SUNDAY:  
9.40 H. R. Chisland—D. S. Robb; 9.44 N. A. Brown—S. S. Gordon; 9.48 R. S. Barry—J. Linaker; 9.52 R. K. Collings—T. B. Low; 9.56 J. Reynolds—T. J. Gould.

## CRICKET

The following will represent Club de Reccelo at cricket against Craighower Cricket Club on Saturday at the Valley:—

L. Gosano, (Capt.), A. M. Rodrigues, A. P. Pereira, Jr., P. M. N. da Silva, Jr., L. G. Gosano, G. N. Gosano, J. M. Gosano, H. A. Barros, A. P. Ricci-Pereira, A. A. Guterres and D. M. Rodrigues.

The following will represent the Army against Hong Kong Cricket Club in the Quadrangular Cricket Tournament on Friday and Saturday. Capt. Darwin, Maj. Murray Brown, Major Hope, Capt. Drew, Lt. Stepto, Lt. Forrow, Lt. Roberts, Major Majendie, Lt. Broadley, Major Slane and Capt. "Blair".

The following are the teams for the Intra Club game at Craighower Cricket Club on Boxing Day.

Married:—C. W. Lam (Capt.), G. Hong Choy, H. P. Lim, T. E. Yoon, A. H. Ismail, D. Leonard, Neoh, J. Leonard, A. Kuruneri, T. Leonard, W. Hong Sling, S. Singles:—S. Ramchand (Capt.), R. R. Iremes, P. J. Billimore, I. M. Omar, L. Wong, A. M. Omar, N. Leonard, S. Leonard, A. N. Other, C. S. Carr, P. Esmail. Scorer: G. Souza.

## SHEFFIELD SHIELD

Adelaide, Dec. 23.

Despite a patient innings of 108 in 3 hours 41 minutes by their captain, Phil Ridings, and a stylish 72 in two and a quarter hours by Test player Ron Hamner, South Australia failed by eight runs to save the follow on today in their Sheffield Shield match with New South Wales.

South Australia, 150 for 3 overnight, were out for 352 in reply to the New South Wales total of 509. Following on 157 runs behind, South Australia were 27 for 2 at the close.—Reuter.

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## Kaiser Shifted From Office

Hamburg, Dec. 23.

Jakob Kaiser, chairman of the Christian Democratic Union of Germany, and Dr. Ernst Lemmer, joint chairman of the party in the Soviet Zone, "removed from office" last week on Russian orders, said in Berlin today that only a party congress in Berlin, convened according to the party's regulations and free to make a decision, could decide whether they were to remain in office.

The statement was issued by the party's headquarters in the Soviet sector of Berlin.

In his statement, Herr Kaiser declared that he and Lemmer were "obstructed by the interference of the Soviet military administration," in fulfilling their tasks and responsibilities for the Christian Democratic Union in the Soviet Zone.

From their interference it must be concluded that there was no longer any possibility of taking the democratic way by pursuing an independent policy in the Soviet Zone, he said.

Dr. Kaiser said that it was impossible to continue the Union's policy in the eastern zone of Germany. He would remain in Berlin, where he would serve the rebirth of Germany.

"I am very sorry that the Christian Democratic Union opposed the tendencies prevailing in the eastern zone aiming at Marxism and totalitarian unity," Dr. Kaiser said.

The crisis was reached after the party's refusal to attend the recent People's Congress summoned by the Social Unity Party.

"By the interference of the Soviet Military Administration, this crisis entered the stage which forced me and Herr Ernst Lemmer to make a public statement," Dr. Kaiser added.

The party's executive of five provincial branches had confidentially explored the possibilities of settling the affair by terming the crisis entered from "the party's executive." But the Soviet authorities got wind of these efforts and announced that Professor Hugo Hickmann, of the party in Saxony, and Herr Lobenstein, vice the new party leaders, Dr. Kaiser added.—Reuter.

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